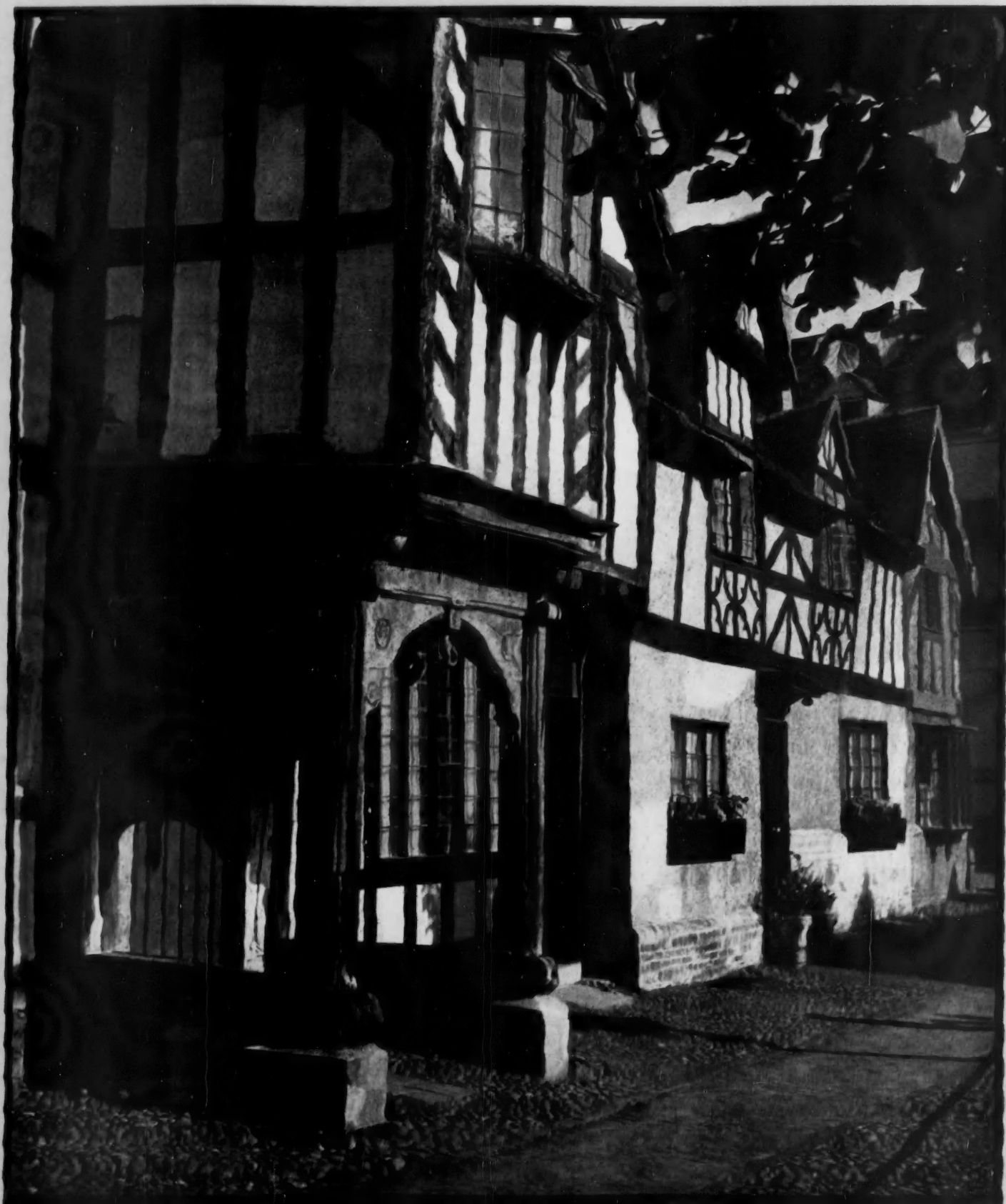


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AN ATTRACTIVE REGENCY HOUSE with white rendered walls and slate roof. 4 reception rooms, 6-8 bedrooms, 2 dressing rooms, 3 bathrooms. Central heating, fitted basins. Main electric light, power, water and drainage.

Good garages and stables.

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Delightfully timbered matured grounds with tennis and other lawns, kitchen garden, orchard and field. Valuable road frontage.



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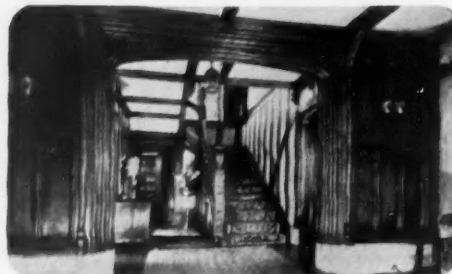
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*Occupying a delightful rural position facing south and having magnificent uninterrupted views to the South Downs.*

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pannelled lounge, study,  
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room, 2 reception rooms,  
kitchen. Main electricity.  
Private water supply.  
Modern drainage. The  
delightful garden of about  
1 ACRE is a feature of the  
property.

Vacant possession

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION (unless previously sold by Private Treaty) at  
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room. Secondary accom-  
modation. Spacious draw-  
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SOUTH ASPECT OF RESIDENCE

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Tastefully decorated and equipped with every  
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VACANT POSSESSION



VIEW FROM RESIDENCE

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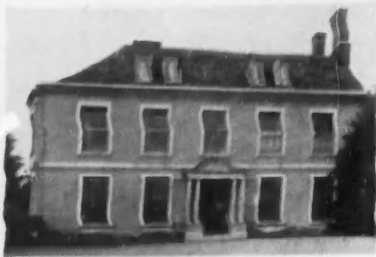
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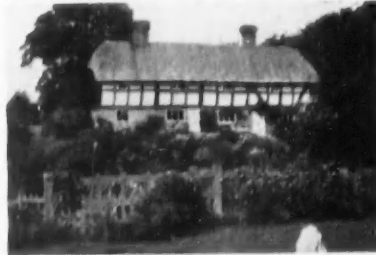
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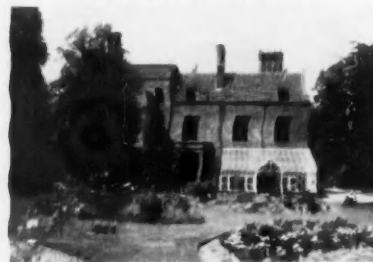
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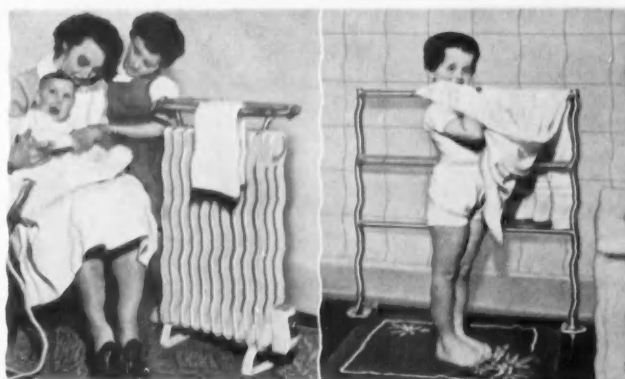
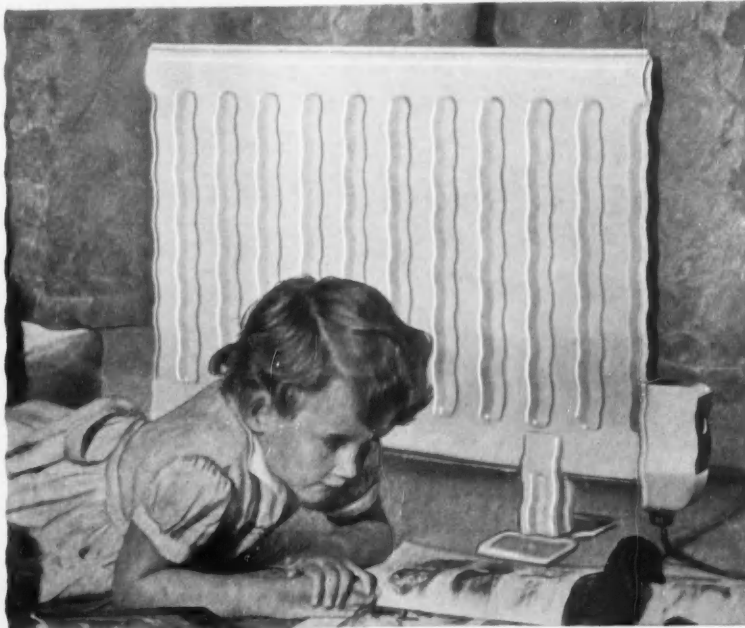
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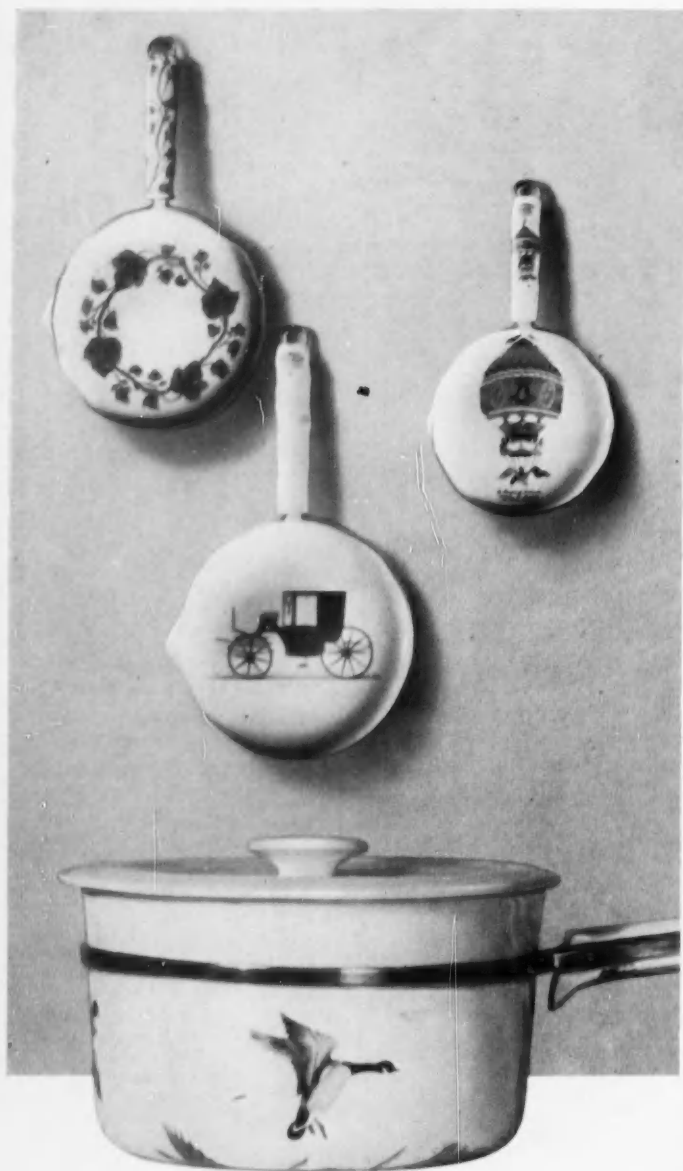
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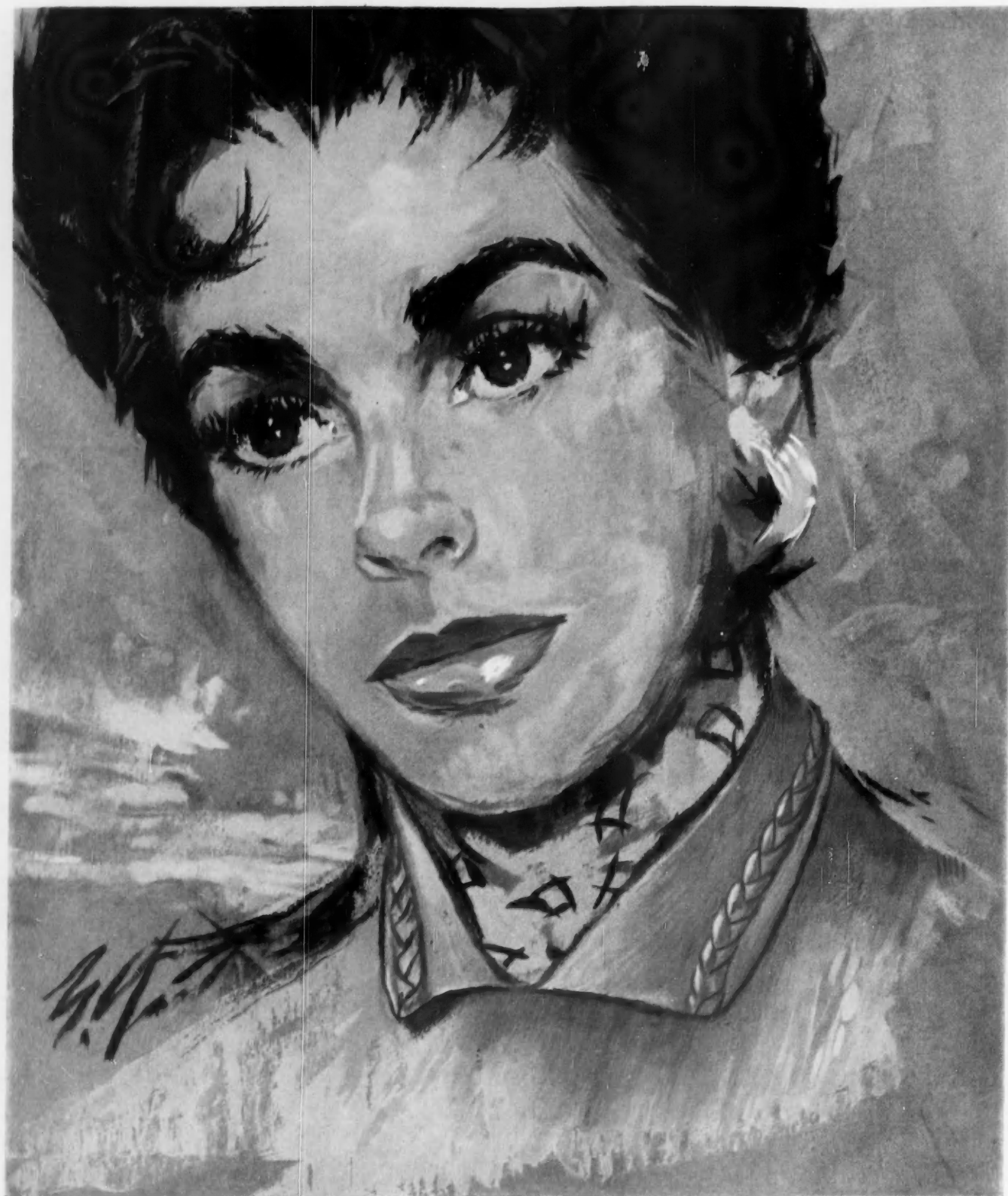
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## INADEQUATE PLANNING MACHINERY

AT the recent Town and Country Planning Summer School held at Cambridge Mr. Peter Self criticised the weakness and bewildered aims of present-day planning, and the progress report of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for the period 1950-54, published last week, certainly bears him out. In the Ministry's view to balance, and where possible to reconcile, the rival demands on land is the planners' most important and most difficult responsibility. Mr. Self will have none of this. The "umpire" view of planning assumes that there is some yardstick by which the best use of land can be determined. The only yardstick, that of the free market, is now discarded. In Mr. Self's opinion, the present troubles between would-be developers—whether Government departments, local authorities or private persons—and owners are largely caused by bringing under administrative control questions which would otherwise be settled swiftly, by the free play of the market in land. The market has not been superseded for this purpose because planners can do the thing more scientifically and objectively. The purpose of planning, which has superseded it, is—or should be—to carry into effect certain policies which Parliament has considered to be for the public benefit and which, within certain broad limits of autonomy, the local authorities have been commissioned to carry through. In such circumstances there can be no question of planning authorities, whether in Whitehall or town hall, "holding a balance" between claims which can be determined only as being for or against public policy.

Mr. Self went on to elaborate his objections to what he calls the myth of a national plan, suggested by the Barlow, Scott and Uthwatt reports. A comprehensive plan of national development is always tempting. It would set on an integrated basis proposals for industrial location, transport improvements and public utilities, as well as measures for utilising and conserving agricultural land and mineral resources. The whole would represent a kind of economic framework within which the work of the local planning authorities could be carried on. Mr. Self's chief objections are that any such arrangement would involve a degree of control which would be politically unacceptable at present and would, in any case, make all planning of land use completely subordinate to strategic and temporary economic factors such as industrial efficiency and terms of trade. No close conception of a national plan—whether conceived in terms of development or of conservation—will, he maintains, stand up to examination. "What is wanted," said the Uthwatt report, "is thought at the centre, an informed vision, unified control of land use and co-ordination between the existing

Government Departments." The first two qualities are wanted in any Minister or civil servant, replies Mr. Self. As for the last two, while co-ordination of planning is obviously a first essential, there is any amount of co-ordination already. The trouble is that to civil servants "co-ordination" too often means pursuing completely contradictory policies with the least amount of friction. What Mr. Self would like to see is a common policy for them all. At present it seems remote.

A most obvious clash of policies is that between the Board of Trade, engaged in "bringing work to the workers" not only in the development areas but in all areas in which there is unemployment or the threat of it, and the Planning departments, which aim at the relief of congestion through the dispersal of

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industries from the big cities. The "work to the workers" principle brings industry in the main only to already crowded areas and by-passes the needs of smaller towns, whether stagnant or expanding. A pertinent example of cross-purposes is given by Mr. Self in East Kilbride, the new town just outside Glasgow which has flourished exceedingly, drawing its workers from Glasgow and its industry—being in a development area—from both England and America. But the new town has actually done nothing to relieve the congestion in Glasgow, and the money used in its construction would have been far better spent in many other parts of Scotland. Mr. Self thinks that the Board of Trade's efforts at transfer of industry should be abandoned and the whole effort handed over to the Planning Ministry—which some day perhaps will recover its original name.

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SIX years ago the National Association of Parish Councils scored a considerable success when they induced the Government, in drafting the Representation of the People Act, 1949, to insert a clause making it compulsory for parishes of more than 200 souls to elect a parish council by ballot instead of by show of hands at a parish meeting. Now the Gilbertian situation has arisen that in some parishes the cost of the election exceeds the statutory limit of what a parish council is allowed to spend during the year. In one parish in Somerset, to take a glaring example, the last parish election cost about 8s. 6d. a vote, or £30 in all, and this in a parish where the product of the penny rate amounts to only £7. The National Association still stick to their guns, but one or two parish councils are clamouring for a return to the old method of show of hands, and a few parishes are petitioning the County Council—as parishes of fewer than 200 may do under the Act—to have their Council dissolved. Where there is no Council, it is the statutory duty of the inhabitants to hold a parish meeting twice a year for the discussion of the parish accounts, but in the days before 1949 this duty was often ignored. Since 1949 there has been a considerable revival of civic spirit in many parishes, but obviously it is hardly likely to survive election charges on the scale now demanded. The chief ingredient of the bill is the fee payable to the returning officer, who is the clerk of the district council; and it seems indeed remarkable, considering the not very great amount of work entailed, that the Durham County Council should have found it necessary to limit the total fees a returning officer may receive from a parish council election to £200. The Local Government Elections Bill, which the Government have recently adopted, may give some slight relief by its provision that rural district and parish council elections should be held together and the bill be paid by the district council. The district council would then levy a special rate

on the parish ratepayers, who seem unlikely to be much better off by the deal.

## THE HOME OF THE JERMYN

THE failure of all efforts to find a buyer or a use for Rushbrooke Hall, near Bury St. Edmunds, in Suffolk, means the demolition of an historic house of exceptional beauty. The gabled and turreted brick quadrangle was built by Sir Robert Jermyn in the reign of Elizabeth I on the moated site where his forbears had already dwelt for centuries. That old courtier Henry Jermyn, Earl of St. Albans, who gave his name to Jermyn-street, S.W., was a son of the house, which Sir Jermyn Davers afterwards beautified in the style of William Kent. Then, in 1806, the original family, who had taken their name from Rushbrooke, returned as owners. In 1921, however, the demolition of the lovely old house was averted only by Lord and Lady Islington making Rushbrooke their home and giving it a new lease of life till 1939. Lord Rothschild, who then inherited the property, has offered the house to various institutions, but, since accumulated dilapidations are estimated now to require expenditure of £50,000, and none of the surrounding land has been available, this time no rescuer has appeared, notwithstanding a possible grant towards repair from the Minister of Works. Since the County Council will not impose a preservation order, the National Buildings Record has performed the last rites—made a thorough survey with photographs and drawings. The loss of Rushbrooke is the most serious since the destruction of Coleshill two years ago.

## ALFRED AND THE CAKES

WHETHER or not Alfred actually burned the cakes when he retired to Athelney before overcoming the Danes, it is one of our most cherished beliefs that he did so, and if it is not "historic," it is something much better. Mr. Slade did well in 1801 to erect a monument on his property where had stood the abbey Alfred built. Mr. Morgan, the present owner, has done well to remove his wireless aerial from it, and Mr. Newell, the local minister, is doing well in urging that the rust and the weeds and the nettles should be removed from it. Some meddlesome historian has declared that the story was invented by a 16th-century archbishop who said it was not Alfred that neglected the cakes but St. Neot, and that St. Neot was not pondering on the Danes but copying a manuscript. Let us have none of this iconoclasm! We have been led all our lives to believe it was Alfred and we know it was. He fell into a muse over the fire, so that in the words of Chesterton's poem,

The good food fell upon the ash  
And blackened instantly.

Thereupon the woman caught up a cake,  
And struck him suddenly on the face

Leaving a scarlet scar.

This is no time of day to have the hardihood to doubt it.

## THE MISSED CATCH

THERE are some dreadful things that must happen some time. The greatest of fielders must drop a catch and that most skilful and dignified of magicians, the drum major, must sooner or later drop the mace which he has whirled high in the air with such splendid dash and freedom. Now it has happened at the Edinburgh military tattoo, and before the merciless eye of the television camera. As might be expected of so great a man, the drum major picked it up again as if it had all been part of the performance, and that with complete calm. As an airman who has had a mishap is wise to fly again as soon as may be, in order to prove to himself that he has not lost his nerve, so the drum major whirled and twirled his mace higher and higher and restored his own confidence and that of the spectators. Mr. Bateman once drew a pleasant picture of the man who missed the ball on the first tee at St. Andrews, so that not only the bystanders but the very buildings were seen to shiver and shake in dismay. Much the same momentary horror probably seized the spectators at Edinburgh by the throat, but the drum major's noble tranquillity must soon have restored the general morale.



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## A COUNTRYMAN'S NOTES

By IAN NIALL

AS I write it is even hotter than ever. The thermometer in the greenhouse, which is one of the recording sort, registered well over ninety, and it was difficult to remain there long enough to water the cacti, of which we must have about three or four hundred. The hens are still going broody, the bees are out on the landing boards ventilating the hive for all they are worth, and up on the hill the sheep are sheltering where they can in the sides of overhanging boulders and anywhere that keeps them out of the sun. There has hardly ever been so much burnt grass and red stubble to be seen in the locality as there is this summer, and twelve months ago it was hopeless to think about getting hay in and most farmers lost part of their corn when it rotted away in the stooks. Streams and ditches that always held a small amount of water have this year gone dry, and the result seems to be that insects are more prolific and numerous than ever. We have never had such invasions of flies. Among the most fascinating of our evening visitors was a Silver Y moth, which I had not come across before, but we have also had blue-winged silverhorns, which I have noticed hitherto only at the waterside.

THE drying out of pools and waterholes encourages the hatching of insects, because the shallow water reaches a suitable temperature. Tepid water and stagnating pools are not hard to find at the moment, and on the dried mud at the edges of ponds the story of thirst on the part of birds and animals is very plain. The supply of water in mountain lakes which are used as reservoirs for towns in other parts of the country has been falling alarmingly in recent weeks, and I fancy it would take at least a fortnight of rain to compensate for the drought and maintain normal consumption. The waterline of my favourite trout lake has fallen some ten or fifteen feet in a month, in spite of the fact that

a feeder was opened to allow many gallons of water to come down from a higher lake. Worse than the low water, so far as I am concerned, was the release of the water of this high lake, for it brought with it hundreds of small trout. The fishing has been spoilt for at least a season, for to take one trout of  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. to 1 lb. one would have to catch and release perhaps twenty or more fingerlings. The big fish in the low lake came down in an earlier release of water and grew to a good size, because there is no spawning ground in the low lake, where food is plentiful. I was afraid that when the water fell the engineers would come up and release the higher lake.

My fears were confirmed at the week-end, when I saw scores of small fish rising where there had been none before. There was no doubt about it either, for the little fish threw themselves right out of the water, something that big trout are not given to doing except on very rare occasions.

THERE is one thing about hot weather and a plentiful supply of insects, and that is that insectivorous birds are bound to thrive. If they were not active, the harmful insects might get out of hand completely. Swallows and other small birds are enjoying a great feast and the woodpeckers spend their time on ant-hills at the fringe of the wood above the cottage, while the tree-creeper, the nuthatch and tits of one sort or another are continually hunting the leaves and bark. Weeds are seeding quickly, too, and unless we do something to clean up the ground next spring we may find ourselves reaping a crop sown this summer. It is frustrating to find, after clearing one's own ground, a continual sowing of weeds coming drifting over on the wind, carried from places a considerable

distance away. There is very little that can be done about it, I suppose, except to hope that the wind may change direction and blow from a more favourable quarter.

FOR this summer I had plans to pulp our black currants and extract the juice, which could then be bottled and kept for making drinks in the winter. Black-currant juice is rich in vitamin C, they tell me. My grandmother did not know this, or at least I do not think she knew it, but she always had great faith in black-currant jam or jelly for sore throats and colds. I had one of those "think of the winter" moods, the sort of thing that makes one plan all sorts of long-term schemes, and saw the shelves filled with bottles of black-currant juice. There was a while when I thought we might have a bumper crop of black currants, but I had been rather too ruthless with pruning last summer and cut back more than I should have done. The crop was average or a little below. The fruit filled out and ripened, as it always seems to, just when we had a hundred other things to do.

NO one in the family likes picking currants, and when the time came that the fruit simply had to be picked, the helpers, all of whom like black-currant juice, seemed to fade away. They have a habit of doing this when tedious tasks are awaiting them. I was back in my favourite rôle—something between Cinderella and a martyr with too much to do. It took me a long time to fill a bowl with black currants. I have never seen a black-currant stripper, but I had heard of the things and for several hours would gladly have paid double for anything that might have made the task lighter. The midges rose from the bushes while I picked, and every move of mine seemed to bring out more of the pests. I gathered the crop in two tiring sessions. Between the two sessions I had some relief. I

picked gooseberries. We had a good crop of very large dessert gooseberries. They always do well on our light limestone soil.

MY soft fruit harvest was not particularly popular in the kitchen, but I carried baskets and bowls in with the remark that a crop must be taken when it is ripe and I worked very hard, suffering some ten thousand bites and an aching back in the process. There is no point in being a martyr unless one lives the part. I went fishing the next day and did not stay for the jam-making session. Some excellent gooseberry jam was made, for, with the best will in the world, we could eat only so many gooseberry pies and tarts, and those dessert gooseberries made as good jam as any other sort of gooseberry. One or two black-currant tarts were made too, I am told. The weather was very hot and jam-making was abandoned. The other

day I recalled my plans for making black-currant juice and bottling it for the winter. What became of all those black currants? Oh, they went into tarts and the balance was pulped. It is wonderful how one can plan things. How many bottles had we? We had none! Not one bottle of juice! After all, juice would surely ferment. Hot days had been more than the family could stand. The juice had not lasted long enough to be in danger of fermenting. Those who had been so hard to find at the picking of the crop had come out of hiding to drink the juice. What of the winter and those bottles of concentrated Vitamin C? Does a grasshopper worry while the sun shines? After all, they say, I enjoyed being a martyr.

WHILE on the subject of fruit and home-produced things, it always seems to me a pity that the marketing system is such that

labels in shops that read "fresh to-day" mean that the goods are fresh from the market rather than fresh from the market garden or the field. It is true that locally grown produce is offered here and there, but most of the best stuff travels in to a central market and out again to the retailer. There seems to be no help for it, and the townsman may see no cause for complaint. A similar state of affairs applies to milk. We were once able to buy our milk from the farmer or from a man who got it directly from the farm. It was not pasteurised and this, of course, was essential. Thereafter we got our milk a day late. The farmer sold his milk round and a combine took over, with the result that things became even more centralised. We cannot be sure that we are drinking milk produced in the county in which we live, which may not be important so far as nourishment is concerned, but seems to me to be something we should be able to do.

## ANNALS OF A WOODPECKER FAMILY

By LORD WILLIAM PERCY

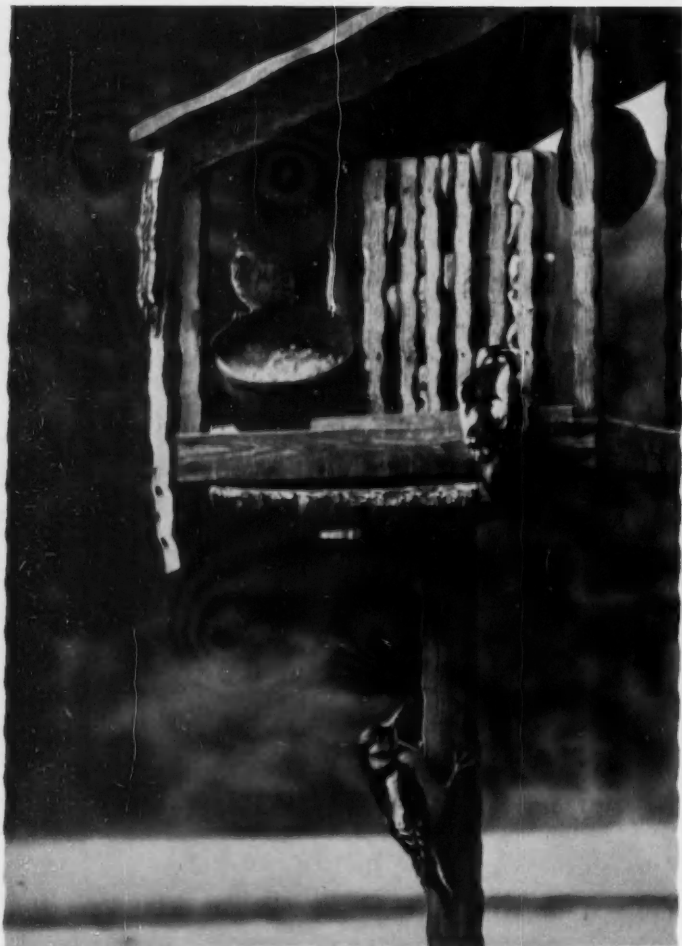
AN account in *COUNTRY LIFE* of October 7, 1954, of the history of a pair of great-spotted woodpeckers which had then honoured a bird-table with their constant presence for more than 500 consecutive days ended with an expression of hope, then barely entertained, that it might even yet be prolonged. That hope has been fulfilled beyond expectation, and the period now extends to more than 880 days and has enabled a detailed record of their lives to be compiled from day to day.

As the casualties in wild life reach proportions which reduce the average age to which most birds live to a mere fraction of their potential age, it is always of some interest to be able to follow the fortunes of individuals over a long period, and of this particular pair the following facts are known: (1) they are at least nearly

3½ years old, for hen and cock respectively appeared in early spring and winter of 1953 as adults; (2) they reared two young in 1954; (3) they have done the same in 1955, their life cycle being repeated with great similarity in the two years. Hatching in 1955 took place on May 26 (in 1954 on May 29/30) and the young were brought to the table and fed upon it from June 16 to July 4 (in 1954 from June 18 to July 4). There the similarity in their behaviour ends.

The credit given to them for the remarkable tolerance displayed during the first 22 months towards all other birds that visit the table came to an abrupt end in February, 1955, when they met, probably for the first time, an unwelcome starling on the table and immediately adopted a threat display which, failing to have the desired effect, was followed by a vicious and

direct attack with shrieks of rage. Thereafter, throughout this spring and summer till July 11, when their young were driven from the neighbourhood, this aggressive attitude, not only to starlings but to all other birds, became a regular habit. Those who regard as a virtue tolerance carried to the point of seeming indifference would perhaps consider this as a deterioration in their characters, but it must be confessed that the threat display, with open bill and widespread butterfly-patterned wings, is so pretty a spectacle that it has been warmly welcomed by their hosts. This development of ill temper was by no means confined to strangers, for if the upbringing of their offspring seemed a hard school in 1954, it has been positively punitive in 1955. Throughout the 18 days of education after the young left the nest and



1.—A SONG THRUSH, AN ADULT COCK GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER, AND A YOUNG GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER (ON THE POLE) AT THE AUTHOR'S BIRD-TABLE. (Right) 2.—THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE THRUSH HAD BEEN DISLODGED BY THE YOUNG WOODPECKER



3.—A FEED FOR THE YOUNG WOODPECKER FOLLOWED (right) 4.—BY SOME PUNISHMENT. "Their parents rarely failed to inflict such a series of pecks and punishment after each feed that the young were frequently in doubt whether the meal was worth the punishment"

before they were driven out to fend for themselves, their parents, though exemplary in the quantity and frequency of their feeding and in bringing them to the table 40 to 70 times a day, rarely failed to inflict such a series of pecks and punishment after each feed that the young were frequently in doubt whether the meal was worth the punishment, and the absurd sight of a parent with its bill full of food hopping after a young one retreating with backward glances, but still uttering its hunger cry, became a familiar spectacle. In 1954 the young, though driven from the table after July 4, whenever their parents were in possession of it, were still permitted to feed from it till September 12, but in 1955 they were driven right away on July 11, and from that moment the old birds recovered their former peaceable and tolerant dispositions after sending out into the world two youngsters that were apt pupils of aggressive tactics (never taught to the 1954 family) and had become little spittires from very early youth.

Another alteration in behaviour is that the hitherto usual approach by climbing up the supporting pole of the table from ground level has been varied as often as not by direct flight from tall trees on a high bank 120 yards away, to make a landing upside down on a piece of bark at its corner. This feat of aerial navigation involves descent at an angle of 35 degrees from the vertical and, though witnessed hundreds of times this summer, has never lost its fascination, but attempts to record it have resulted in a disproportionate expenditure of film in return for such illustrations of it as Figs. 6, 7, 8 and 9. As the birds are equally



5.—PIED WOODPECKER ADOPTING A THREATENING ATTITUDE TOWARDS A STARLING THAT HAD ALIGHTED AT THE BIRD-TABLE

capable of landing in an orthodox manner (upright on the face of the bark), the acrobatic feat presumably gives pleasure to the performers as well as to the onlookers.

From one aspect this prolonged effort to cultivate a close acquaintance with great spotted woodpeckers must be reckoned a failure. The bird-table is of necessity a very public spot, for every car, tradesman's van and pedestrian coming to the house must pass within ten yards of it. Security from molestation by, and enforced association with, human beings are the ingredients of that form of "tameness" in wild animals to be found in zoological gardens. The bird-table can offer the first condition, but would lose all charm if it supplied the second, for its guests must still be free to choose their company and display their individual psychologies. It is, for example, interesting to find that, while all other birds that frequent it become almost indifferent to passers-by, its most long-standing and regular visitors seem hardly tamer than they were nearly 2½ years ago, though their wildness takes a singular form. It is movement, not noise, to which they object. Like all other residents in East Anglia they have perforce become inured to the sound of aircraft engines, but the sight of a passing aeroplane sends them instantly to the deepest recesses of a large lime tree. During the last few months two rats have been shot on the bird-table, a jay from over their heads in the tree where they were feeding their young, and a whole colony of five pairs of jackdaws that insisted on nesting in the chimneys of the house. To none of these outrages have the woodpeckers



6, 7, 8 and 9.—PRACTICE IN THE ART OF LANDING UPSIDE DOWN

taken the smallest objection, returning on one occasion a minute after the mangled corpse of a rat had fallen from the table and before it could be removed, and yet they alone of all the birds that visit it have never yet summoned sufficient confidence to allow a car or pedestrian to pass without flying from it. The result, of course, is that at least half their visits are fruitless, because they are disturbed before they have had time to penetrate the nut on which they are operating.

We are accustomed to regard it as axiomatic that the morphology of any creature is the result of evolution in the environment in which it has developed, but it seems less easy by the same reasoning to account for the different psychological characters frequently displayed even by closely related species living in similar environments.

The perennial correspondence on the subject of woodpeckers' drumming and how it is produced has, as usual, again appeared this year from those who believe that the sound is not merely mechanical. An article by Mr. Maurice Burton in the *Illustrated London News* of March 12, 1955, adduced, as evidence that drumming may not be entirely mechanical, the fact that its carrying power extends to "a quarter of a mile," whereas that of tapping when the bird is boring a hole, "whatever kind of branch it was chiselling, whether sound or rotten, thick or thin, was inaudible beyond 60 feet." Thus stated, the ratio does indeed look impressive, but it hardly corresponds with my observation, for at a measured distance of 47 yards from the bird-table the sound of the woodpeckers' chiselling almonds is distinctly audible to others besides myself, and would certainly be so at greater distance to younger ears than mine.

In my experience it is only in exceptional circumstances in this country that drumming can be heard at anything like 400 yards, when the bird's stance is high up, the intervening space lacks obstructions and atmospheric conditions are perfect. When the bird's stance is near ground level, the carrying power is much less. High altitudes in mountain country provide the ideal conditions.

However, neither what the compilers of the *Handbook of British Birds* describe as "the overwhelming evidence to the contrary" nor "the metallic sound produced when the birds drum on metal which should alone be conclusive" seems to shake the exponents of the theory of vocal production. After experiments

had been made with more complicated devices, a very simple one has been found to give entire satisfaction to the woodpeckers. The components are (a) a lady's shoe tree with wooden toe and heel knob, (b) a screw, (c) a piece of horn cut to the shape of a woodpecker's bill, (d) an elastic band, (e) a piece of wood. The screw fixes the toe of the shoe tree to the piece of wood and represents the bird's feet, the shoe tree spring its vertebral column, the heel knob its skull, the piece of horn its bill. The elastic band aids control when the woodpecker's "head" is pulled back and released. The thing is not quite so simple as it looks because springs of exactly the right flexibility are not to be found in every lady's shoe (nor even two the same in a pair of shoes) and as the makers do not standardise these objects with precision many types are unsuitable, but when patience has secured that which figures in the illustration of the drummer with the robot (Fig. 10) it is calculated to produce drumming to

convince, if that were possible, the incurably sceptical.

The pleasure to be derived from producing great effects with small effort is known to everyone who has driven a powerful tractor no less than to small boys who discover some new device for making a noise. Civilisation overwhelmed the American continent at a speed effecting changes in environment in one decade that required centuries in the Old World and for some reason or another American woodpeckers were unable to assimilate it without having their heads turned, and have for very many years past yielded wholesale to the temptation offered by the discovery that manufactured articles in wood, tin, pottery, and above all oil drums, are much more resonant than tree trunks. The tired business man who writes to the Press to complain that on the first day of his no doubt well deserved holiday he was awakened at 3 a.m. by sounds he mistook for the burglar alarm only to find the disturbance

caused by a woodpecker's discovery of an empty oil can left below his window causes no surprise. Strangely enough, British woodpeckers, though occasionally recorded as similar delinquents, have on the whole eschewed this rather blatant and vulgar method of self-advertisement, so there is reason to hope that their longer and more gradual experience has made them reasonably immune.

Of many hours spent this summer in a tent within a few feet of the bird-table one of the pleasantest recollections is the sight of what was in all probability the first attempt at drumming made by a young woodpecker one day short of six weeks old. Two red-capped youngsters had been cracking ground-nuts for a long time when one climbed one of the struts of the table and after sitting there motionless for a while slowly lowered its head and absently vibrated its bill on the wood, making little more sound than the purring of a kitten but an unmistakable infant reproduction of the habit of its kind. Drumming is certainly primarily an element in and accompaniment of courtship, but it is also a mere expression of physical well-being and may be heard, if only occasionally, in every month of the year (except during the period of moult in late summer and early autumn) on those days when external conditions impress woodpeckers, in common with the rest of Creation, with the sense that it is particularly good to be alive.



10.—A COCK WOODPECKER INSPECTING THE ROBOT DEVICE FOR MAKING A SOUND SIMILAR TO THE WOODPECKER'S DRUMMING

# MAGNIFICENT TREES

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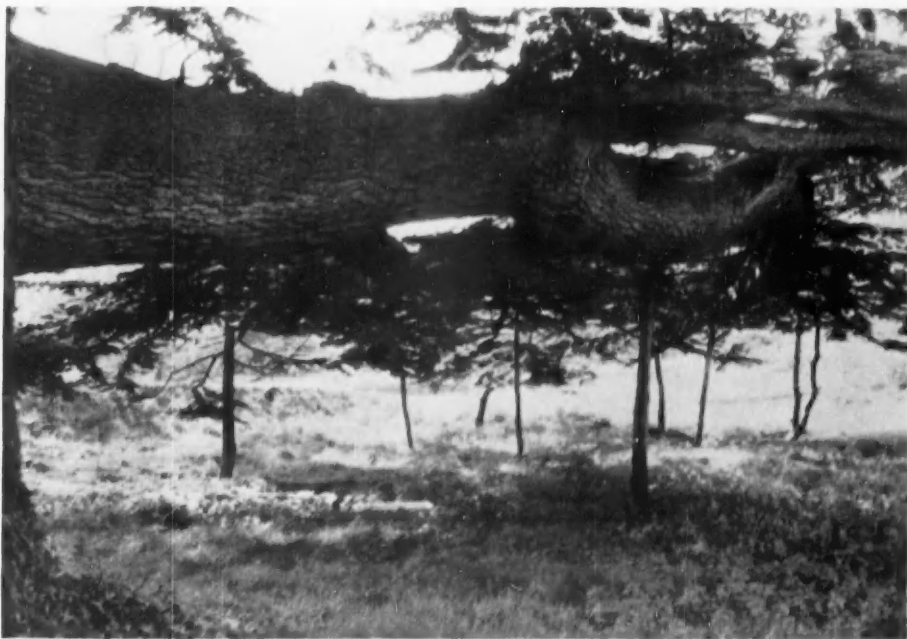
**H**ARTROW MANOR, Elworthy, stands at the eastern end of the Brendon Hills, in west Somerset. The position is one and a half miles due south of the village of Stogumber and about ten miles from the post town of Taunton.

Advised that there were here an exceptional Scotch pine and a cedar of Lebanon, I applied for permission to see and photograph the trees. At first I thought that the Scotch pine must be the largest in England and Wales if not in all Britain, since the Blickling Hall specimen, which Elwes and Henry measured in April, 1907, and made 90 ft. by 17 ft. 1 in. girth, was blown down rather more than ten years ago. And a specimen girthing 13 ft. 6 ins. at Broadlands, in Hampshire, had been cited by the leading authority on big trees as the stoutest of which he had knowledge six years ago. The Hartrow tree is 16 ft. 8 ins. at 4 ft. 6 ins. from the ground and 17 ft. 2 ins. at 5 ft. (The latter measurement includes a tumour-like or burr-like excrescence which must add a few inches.) However, in July, 1953, Mr. Charles Floyd recorded in the *Quarterly Journal of Forestry* that he had recently measured a Scotch pine at Spy Park, near Chippenham, in Wiltshire, and found it to be exactly 18 ft. at 4 ft. 6 ins. from the ground. So the Hartrow tree must take second place, with the compensation of having much the finer bole: the Spy Park specimen forks at 11 ft. (about the same height as the bygone Blickling tree), but the Hartrow tree is single and clean for 25 ft. or more. The date of this tree's planting is not known; nor is the tree mentioned among outstanding specimens in the *Conifer Conference Report* of 1931. The only references so far found in the *Proceedings* of the Somerset Archaeological Society and the English Arboricultural Society (now the Royal Forestry Society) are very brief and uninformative.

The cedar of Lebanon, though exceptionally large and majestic by any British standards and from any aspect, is most remarkable for a single horizontal branch—a vast limb which extends for 68 ft. in a westerly or south-westerly direction from the many-forked "trunk." This superb branch, which I could not photograph effectively, will sustain its own weight, but it is usually provided with some nine or ten props as a help against the wind and a necessary precaution against snowbreak. The top of the tree has suffered some damage. There are the usual fables about this cedar's being 600 years old, but it is unlikely to be 300, since there is no fully assured record of the species'



THE MAGNIFICENT SCOTCH PINE AND CEDAR OF LEBANON AT HARTROW MANOR, SOMERSET, WITH THE QUANTOCKS IN THE BACKGROUND. (Below) THE BIG HORIZONTAL BRANCH OF THE CEDAR. It is 68 ft. long, and, though it will sustain its own weight, it is usually provided with some nine or ten props as a help against the wind and a precaution against snowbreak



THE TWO WILLIAM-AND-MARY PAIRS AT HARTROW MANOR. Each consists of a Scotch pine and a linden and is said to have been planted soon after 1688 to represent Scottish Mary and Dutch William

having been introduced into Britain before 1660-70 and no plausible tradition with a date earlier than 1640.

Both these are lawn trees. Outside the garden was a walnut, felled last spring, which girthed 16 ft. at about 3 ft., or the most slender point between the ground and its divergence into forks. Though such a size is very rare, this walnut was less noteworthy than two "pairs" of trees to which a curious tradition is attached. Both pairs consist of a Scotch pine and a lime or linden, and the story is that they were planted in or soon after 1688 to represent Scottish Mary and Dutch William. It would be interesting to know whether this conceit has been recorded anywhere else. I have heard of Scotch pines and "Charlie Clumps," which are reputed to signify Jacobite sympathies, and of some linden avenues' having been planted, by Whigs to express their contrary allegiance (to the House of Orange), but have nowhere else seen or heard of William-and-Mary pairs of this kind. The

planting is so close that the trees are almost wedged.

Incidentally, comments on the Tory Charlie Clumps and the Whig linden avenue suggestions might also be informative, since those ideas seem never to have been fully established, and I can cite no contemporary records or references. Oddly enough, Hartrow is approached by the remains of a Scotch pine avenue—ended by a pair of lindens—which may possibly endorse the non-partisan approach suggested by the pairs.

I have to thank Mr. Bickham Sweet-Escott, whose family were for some generations the owners of Hartrow, for information that there has long been a persistent oral tradition about the two William-and-Mary pairs; Messrs. R. C. B. and P. H. B. Gardner for various facts and figures and references; and Captain G. W. Ninnis, the present owner of Hartrow, for permission to photograph and describe his magnificent trees.

# THE IRON FOUNDER OF LOCH MAREE

By KATHARINE ASHWORTH

ON the lonely shores of Loch Maree Sir George Hay in 1607 set up the first furnace of Scotland's great iron industry, and, although this wild Highland setting may appear to have been a strange choice for the young favourite of James VI in which to establish himself and his enterprise, it was the natural outcome of three combined circumstances. The recently passed law in England forbade any further iron-smelting in that country owing to the drastic reduction in standing timber, and Sir George Hay, temporarily under a cloud at Court, saw in the vast oak forests of Letterewe on the far shores of Loch Maree not only the essential factor for iron-smelting, but a safe retreat to which he could retire "for the sake of peace in those turbulent times."

Here this shrewd man, who was later to rise to a prominent position in the nation's affairs, made the best use of his enforced retirement and built up a fortune from his iron works, establishing first the two foundries on the shores of the Loch and later adding others at Talladale and Poolewe. He lived for some years at Letterewe in an old house on the site of the present mansion, and from Lord Mackenzie he obtained a lease of the woods for 60 years. These must have been very extensive, for, according to experts, each of the four foundries would have used annually as carbonised fuel the produce of 120 acres of wood.

The iron ore was probably imported from the north of England and from Norway, for the small quantity of bog iron on the site itself would soon have been exhausted. In addition to the oak forests which had first drawn Sir George to Letterewe another predominant factor was that sea-borne iron ore could be brought up the mile-long River Ewe, which was made navigable for flat-bottomed boats, and delivered direct to the foundries on the shores of the Loch. By the same method of transport, without which the whole venture would have been impossible, for Letterewe was inaccessible except by water, the finished products were despatched to their destinations.

At the furnaces two classes of industry were carried on: the manufacture of pig-iron and articles of cast-iron, the metal being poured into moulds; and the manufacture of

wrought-iron, the ore being smelted into a mass of metal called a bloom and hammered while still hot into bars of wrought-iron, guns and articles of domestic use. Pennant notes in his Tour having seen the back of a grate marked S. G. Hay, and according to old manuscripts Sir George "kept a colony of Englishmen at Letterewe making iron and casting great guns until the wood was spent and the lease expired."

In 1609, during the early stages of Hay's operations, an Act prohibiting the making of iron with the natural woods of the Highlands was passed, probably at the instigation of a political foe, and, no doubt, aimed directly at Sir George Hay's activities. But in his remote retreat he was able not only to ignore the new law and carry on with his iron-smelting but in 1610 he obtained from the King a monopoly for the manufacture of iron throughout the whole of Scotland. Further, in 1613, a proclamation was made "restraining the export of iron ore out of the country so that the new industry should not be hindered or disappointed," and in 1621 a licence was granted to Sir George to carry his iron "to any port or harbour of the free burghs royal and to dispose of the same to any person notwithstanding the privileges and liberties of the burghs."

With these exceptional marks of royal favour, granted partly for Sir George's benefit and partly to meet the national need for guns and other products of the foundries, it is no wonder that he became a rich



SIR GEORGE HAY, WHO IN 1607 SET UP IRON FOUNDRIES ON THE SHORES OF LOCH MAREE IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS. He was highly successful in his venture and became High Chancellor of Scotland. He died in 1634. From a portrait now in Dupplin Castle



LOOKING ACROSS LOCH MAREE TO THE MANSION AT LETTEREWE, BUILT ON THE SITE OF SIR GEORGE'S HOUSE, AND INCORPORATING SOME OF ITS WALLS

man. It indicates that, although he had enemies in the Privy Council and Parliament of Scotland, he still had considerable influence with the King, and this is not surprising when one remembers, as no doubt the King himself was ever mindful, that in 1600 Sir George had saved his life from an assassin.

The date when Sir George left Loch Maree is not certain, but the reasons for his departure are clear. He had made his fortune, the adverse influence of his foes in Court and Parliament was at an end, and the opportunities of developing his political and legal interests, for he was a learned lawyer as well as a man of science, made strong calls from the south. After he left his Highland retreat his career was one of unbroken success and distinction. In 1616 he was appointed Clerk-Register, in 1622 he became High Chancellor of Scotland, in 1627 he was raised to the peerage by the title of Viscount Dupplin and Lord Hay of Kinfauns and in 1633 he was created Earl of Kinnoull. As chancellor he won "the approbation of the whole kingdom and the applause of all good men for his justice, integrity, sound judgment and eminent sufficiency." He died in London in 1634, aged 62.

But the departure of Sir

George from Letterewe did not stop the progress of the ironworks on Loch Maree. The concessions granted to him still had many years to run, and for a considerable period the works were carried on by a manager. The last manager is said to have been called John Hay, a name which suggests that he was a relative of Sir George. In Gairloch churchyard is a picturesque tombstone, evidently of great age, on which can just be deciphered the inscription x x R LYIS IOHNE HAY x x SON x x HAY OF KIRKLAND WHO DIED AT LOCH x x x x x.

So far as is known the ironworks were discontinued soon after 1688, so the undertaking must have been carried on for the full 60 years of the lease. The workmen employed there are said to have come from Fife, Lancashire, Cumberland and Wales and were called collectively "English," by the Highlanders, who looked upon all who did not speak Gaelic as Englishmen. At the head of Loch Maree, in the vicinity of the Fasagh Iron Foundry, there is a plot of flat ground called Cladh nan Sasunnach or "the Englishmen's churchyard," where, it is believed, the ironworkers buried their dead, and the remains of the graves can still be seen.

About half a mile to the east of the Fasagh works is a small but deep lochan called Cul na Cathrach, and there is a tradition in the neighbourhood that into it the last of the ironworkers threw their heavy implements on the day the furnaces were closed down. So firmly is this tradition believed that some years ago an attempt was made to drain the water away and establish the truth of it, but this was stopped on the instructions of the laird of Gairloch soon after the drainage was begun.

Nearly three centuries later it is all much as it was left, and now, as then, the only practical approach to Letterewe is by water, the narrow mountain track being as wild and arduous as it was in 1607 and often impassable in winter. There are still no means of quick communication, no telephone, and letters and telegrams must be collected by boat 1½ miles across the water from the other side. The present owner, in maintaining the strict privacy of the far shore and mountains of the loch, which form one of the most strikingly beautiful scenes in Scotland, has not only done much to alleviate the anxiety of those who watch the increasing "development" and "opening-up" of the Highlands with a certain amount of apprehension, but has also rendered a service to the country in thus preserving the flora and fauna in its virgin state so that, in fact, this 90,000 acres form the best kind of natural nature reserve.



SITE OF THE FASAGH FOUNDRY, THE FOUNDATIONS OF WHICH CAN BE FELT AND SEEN BENEATH A COVERING OF TURF AND HEATHER

It was by his kind permission that I was able recently to visit Letterewe and the site of the former iron industries. As I stood upon the jetty and watched the white line of foam breaking across the bows of the boat which was coming to fetch me I reflected on my good fortune in making this visit on such a perfect summer day as one can rarely be sure of in the Highlands, and by means of such swift modern transport as was never dreamed of by those who had to row laboriously across the Loch in an open boat in the old days.

As the motor-launch drew alongside I stepped aboard and we were soon away cutting across the smooth water towards a scene of such magnificence that I could well imagine the iron founder was as much influenced in his choice by its beauty as its seclusion and industrial possibilities. The white mansion grew nearer, Slioch towered above into a clear blue sky, and then I stepped off on to a 5-foot millstone which, set flat in the bank, forms the passenger landing point.

The picturesque house with its stone turrets is Scottish in character and of several periods of architecture. Parts of the walls of the original house have been incorporated, for it was found that the lime in the mortar was made of crushed sea shells, and is thus almost indestructible. From the house I followed the old road which Osgood Mackenzie describes in his book *A Hundred Years in the Highlands* along which the postman trudged on his arduous journey from Poolewe to Achnasheen with the mails in a home-made leather bag slung over his shoulder. "Imagine," writes Osgood Mackenzie, "the letters and newspapers for a population of nearly 3,000 inhabitants all being carried on one man's back in my day."

About half a mile from the house I came upon the site of the first of Sir George Hay's foundries, but the foundations and slag heaps are now thickly covered with turf and there is little to be seen. The water in near-by Furnace Burn supplied the power for the hammers, and as I stood on a boulder in the middle of this rushing stream to take a photograph I wondered how the ironworkers endured the clouds of mosquitoes which rise and cover one at every step of the way. As I passed by Furnace Burn cottage just beyond the foundry site a stag leaped from the garden at the back, and was away up the mountainside in a flash, its hoofs clattering on the rocks as it went.

At last, by loch side and mountain path I reached the Fasagh Foundry, having passed on my way a number of ruined dwellings grouped about secluded beaches, the Englishmen's churchyard where the rough gravestones have been much scattered, and the lochan Cul na Cathrach, into which the ironworkers threw their heavy tools. The Fasagh burn with its waterfall cascading down the mountainside into a deep pool is as lovely a spot as any on Loch



WATERFALL OF THE FASAGH BURN, NEAR THE SITE OF ONE OF THE FOUNDRIES

Maree, and by the side of its outlet into the loch I investigated the remains of the Fasagh Foundry, which are much more obvious than those at Furnace Burn. The outline of the wide track from Fasagh beach, where the iron ore was deposited from the boats, can clearly be seen leading to the furnace itself. The stone foundations and channels of the foundry can be seen and felt beneath the overhanging crust of turf and heather, and a remarkable sight is the huge butt of a tree, mentioned in John Dixon's *Gairloch*, which forms the centrepiece of the foundry and upon which the anvil stood.

From the slag heaps I prised out lumps of slag, still dark and heavy with iron, the wastage of metal here being such that these, and slag heaps at neighbouring foundries, yielded more than 68 per cent. of metallic iron when examined some years ago, and were considered by analysts at that time to be worth re-smelting by improved methods. In cottages around Loch Maree are odd pieces of machinery and iron bars which were found on this site, and it is said that a massive hammer head was taken from Fasagh to Kinlochewe, where the anvil at the smithy was formed from part of it.

As I wandered about the banks a pair of nesting dippers kept up a continuous troubled note of "chit, chit" as they flitted up and down stream, and just off the shore a black-throated diver kept a watchful eye on me, giving an occasional warning "quark" to its mate which, as I knew, was sitting on its nest on a mere slip of an island farther up the Loch. Later, a ring ouzel obligingly perched upon a bush so close to where I was sitting that I could clearly see the white half-moon round its throat before it flew off up to the last seat of trees on the mountainside, from where its ringing whistle could be heard for the rest of the afternoon.

In the absolute quiet of this wild and beautiful spot one cannot but be thankful that when man has wrested a fortune from the soil, and gone away leaving the black scars of his handiwork behind him, time and nature combine to draw a green cover over all and restore the scene to its virgin state. And, although in the words of the iron founder's epitaph:

*Gone is the wise Lycurgus of our time,*

*The great and grave dictator of our clime,*

one feels that could he but return to the scene of his former activities he, in his wisdom, would be glad to find it as it is to-day.

# HARVESTING APPLES AND PEARS

By RAYMOND BUSH

THE visitor to Covent Garden Market in early August will find stand after stand in and outside the market piled up with superbly presented fruit none of which has been grown in England. Trays of succulent-looking plums stand side by side with exotic peaches in glorious technicolor. There are grapes of every hue from green to gold and purple, pine-apples, grapefruits, oranges and, of course, tomatoes, which we can grow well enough here, but which can be grown abroad and imported much more cheaply. Ranged in rows outside the covered market, down the length of Long Acre, and along all the streets which adjoin the market, stand five- and ten-ton lorries loading fruit or unloading into the great warehouses more mountains of these imported fruits—boxes of South African, Australian and New Zealand apples and pears, citrus from Cyprus, South Africa, South America and elsewhere. Bananas have their own ripening rooms and hardly enter the picture, yet millions of stems are imported, eaten, or fed to pigs with the rest of the wasted fruits of unorganised marketing.

If you consider the apple, you will find that we are importing this fruit in its season from the temperate Commonwealth countries (not from Canada or America, where dollar restrictions hinder trade), from Holland, Italy, Argentina, Denmark and elsewhere. Much more than 100,000 tons of apples come in annually, pears, too, are well above the 50,000-ton mark, and Italy can overload our market with Williams pears long before ours are fit to pick and long after the last of ours have gone. Both Holland and Italy plan to double their exports to England. Our peach imports are now very great and far above the figures of a year or two ago, when they rose from 3,600 tons in 1952 to 17,600 tons in 1953.

Observing the outward visible signs of this economic disgrace in our home market, the

visitor might well enquire: "Do you not grow any fruit at all in England?" However, assiduous search would show him sundry samples of English fruit: early cookers, bruised and scabby, shot into dirty orchard boxes and broken-down bushel baskets; mid-season cookers, such as Lane's Prince Albert, picked a good month too soon; semi-coloured Beauty of Bath, and terrible samples of undersized Gladstone apples. He would find also undersized, poorly coloured plums of Czar and Early Prolific or sizable Oullin's Golden Gage, which have been picked a week too early to ripen properly. Our visitor might be excused for saying: "If this is the best you can offer it is a mistake to try to grow fruit."

This is admittedly a sorry picture, but the beginning of the English top-fruit harvest is a sorry time, since the worst growers, knowing how little their crops are worth, fling them regardless on the market, hoping that earliness may make up for quality, which it can never do. Later one will see pretty good apples and pears and far too many poor samples. Go to an English county fruit show and you will see as fine fruit as the world can offer, and the question is often asked: "Where does all the good fruit go to? We never get it." Much of it is bought by retailers occasionally well handled and some goes to hotels and ships, but the bulk goes to shops and must take its competitive status among the best the foreigner can do. Very little of the fruit ever reaches Covent Garden, since much is diverted and sent to other markets, and few growers except those who supply a few firms send to Covent Garden at all. It is becoming more and more a clearing house for foreign produce.

Given a good summer, and 1955 has had a wonderful July and August, the English amateur can grow magnificent fruit, but he is at a disadvantage as compared with the commercial grower when it comes to spraying to get clean fruit and storing it after picking. Too often the apples are put into an unsuitable storage place with good, bad and indifferent fruit. Here are a few cardinal rules to observe in fruit storage, where the benefits of refrigeration cannot be employed:

- (1) Do not pick fruit too early, or it will shrivel in storage.
- (2) Do not let apples or pears finish their ripening on the tree, or flavour and keeping quality will be lost.
- (3) Never try to keep early apples and pears in the same store as mid-season or long-keeping varieties, or they will make the late fruits ripen too early.
- (4) Try to store in as cool a place as possible and keep it cool by opening the store to the coolness of cold nights, shutting up again early in the morning.
- (5) Do not pick apples in the hot sun and bring straight into store, or they will make the store warm. Better to pick in afternoon, leave fruit exposed to the sky to cool down overnight, and bring in early in the morning.
- (6) When sorting fruit for storage, especially for long keeping, discard any with

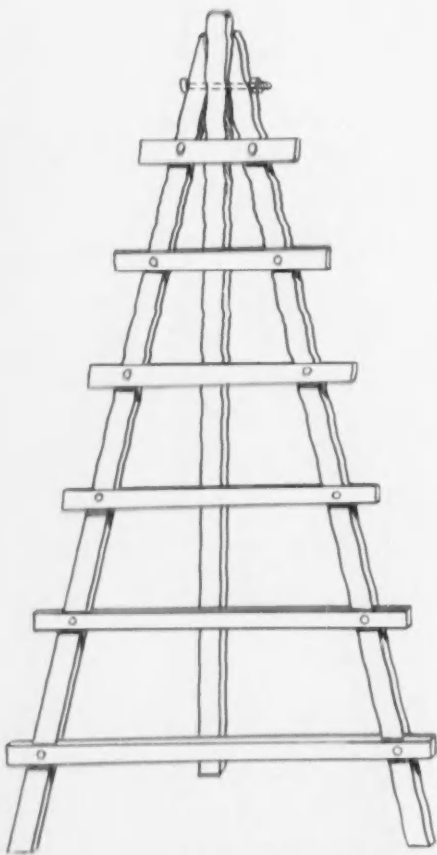


A GOOD SUPPLY OF PEARS AGAINST A WALL. Pears must be handled very carefully, as their skin is liable to peel off

stalks pulled out, cuts or obvious skin breakages, including holes by codling moth caterpillars, since all these will rot in storage. Apples with swollen stalks—so-called king apples, where the centre blossom has set a fruit—do not keep as well as those with a slender stalk. Scabby apples go mouldy and should be set aside.

- (7) After apples have been stored a few weeks, look them over carefully and remove rotted fruit.
- (8) To avoid dryness keep a bucket of water with a sack draped on the side to absorb and evaporate water in the store, or if the floor is cement damp down occasionally or leave a wet sack or two on the floor.
- (9) Wrapping apples in oiled wraps lengthens their life, but newspaper wraps do well enough and delay one rotten apple from infecting its neighbours.

See that any steps or ladders you may be using are sound and up to your weight. Ladders left hanging on outside walls are apt to get very dry in a hot summer and the rungs or rungs may then be loose. Some ladders allow for tightening up with long bolts and a nut and washer. Otherwise lay ladders down in a shady place on the grass and saturate with water from a hose, which will cause the wood to expand and take up some of the slack in the rungs. For trees which are no more than 10 feet high it is easy to make a strong and useful pair of steps. Select three stout (2½ ins. diameter at the top) hazel-nut poles and cut to eight feet. Shape one side of the end of two poles as shown in the diagram, flattening them so that when these two ends are brought up tight with the centre pole end and firmly secured with a long bolt and nut the ends of the flattened poles which rest on the ground will be about 3 ft. 6 ins. apart. It will then be found that if steps are placed at foot intervals made of strong nut pole and slightly let into the two main members and securely nailed, you will have a three-point pair of steps with a back support you can swing to any position, and an extremely rigid affair to stand on. Also you can put such a triangular shape into almost any small space for picking.



A USEFUL HOME-MADE LADDER FOR USE IN PICKING FRUIT IN AWKWARD CORNERS. It is made from three stout hazel-nut poles 8 ft. long and bolted at the top

When you use a basket or bucket for picking it is convenient to have a hook on the handle which allows you to park it while picking and have both hands free. Line baskets or buckets with old carpet, felt, or even corrugated brown paper. Put apples in, but never drop them into the container, as a stalk can pierce the skin of an apple very easily. Never tip a full basket of apples into a wood box; handle them out carefully and avoid bruises.

The actual picking season begins in late August, and should finish in mid-October, but this last date may be determined by the weather, since early frosts may make it essential to get the crops off and in store. In sheltered places apples such as Wagener will stay on if the birds allow them until well into November, but one may assume that mid-October is late enough to finish. You may thin over the earliest apples in late July, choosing only the biggest, and in August the main pick of such early dessert as Beauty of Bath and Gladstone, and cooking types such as Early Victoria, Lord Grosvenor and Cooper's Seedling will begin towards the end of the month. Miller's Seedling and Devonshire Quarrenden are at their best when ripened on the tree and should not be stored. Grenadier and Lord Derby may be ready by the end of August but will hang longer, and should not be kept to ripen.

Mid-season apples begin in September when Worcester is ready. James Grieve will come later in the month and should colour before picking. Cox's Orange Pippins do not have a long picking season, and should be got off before the end of September and not be allowed to go



#### SCABBY APPLES, WHICH SOON GO MOULDY AND CANNOT BE STORED

gold-ripe on the tree, or they will lose flavour and keeping properties. Ellison's Orange and Lord Lambourne should be ready by mid-September before Cox. Sunset also will be ready a little later than Lambourne. A variety of cooker, Arthur Turner, is useful in that it can be begun in late July and finished off the tree in September. Blenheim Orange is usually harvested about the end of the month. Long keepers such as Newton Wonder, Annie

Elizabeth and Bramley's Seedling are in pick until mid-October. King Edward VII, Crawley Beauty and Wagener, being very long keepers, will hang on till the end of October.

If you will treat every apple or pear as if it were a ripe peach you will get your fruit into store in perfect condition. Never hold an apple with the fingers to pick but always with the palm of the hand; lift it, twist slightly, and if fit the fruit should come away from the spur.

Always pick early varieties of pear such as Laxton's Superb, Dr. Jules Guyot, Clapp's Favourite and Williams' before they look ripe. You may even have to break the stalk to pick some. If they go yellow on the tree they are spoiled. August will begin the pear harvest and October will finish it. Mid-season varieties such as Conference, Beurre Hardy and Superfin, Pitmaston Duchess and Comice and the others will be ready to pick as soon as the pear parts readily from the spur when lifted well above the horizontal. Handle the fruits very carefully, as their skin peels off easily. Do not store any with broken stalks, for in store those with stalks broken rot early. Scabby pears and those with slight cuts and slight bruises can sometimes be ripened enough for cooking or bottling. Very late varieties for cooking are seldom worth having. Several give a perfect imitation of a boiled turnip. Far better to bottle Williams' or Superb or Pitmaston and use them when wanted. It is possible, given good care and cool storage and the right varieties, to have eating pears from August into January, and cookers as late as April.

## PLANTS THAT POISON STOCK

By DUDLEY HOYS

WHILE holiday-makers revelled thankfully in the recent hot spells, there were farmers in our hill country who began to wonder and shake their heads. Allowing for the streak of Mrs. Gummidge granted to them by tradition, they still had a small right to their gloom. Dale fields, sparse of soil and rapid of drainage, were seared by widening yellow patches, sapless and desiccated. Great slopes of what had been tall-grazing were the colour of biscuits. It was a time when weeds, those defiers of man and weather, looked lush among the parched grasses. The townsman might say: "What does that matter?" Unfortunately, it can matter fatally. Beasts and sheep turn to plants that would offer scant temptation in greener months, and the result may be disastrous. Woe to the cow that browses on water-hemlock, known locally as dead-tongue. It is a way to death.

Commoner in the north of England than the south, it likes to shelter beneath the tall growths along our becks. I remember how a few years ago a hired man here, not a Cumbrian, came into the farm-house with the report that one of the heifers in Tarn Ling was standing apart from the others in a kind of sulk.

Experience provided the farmer with swift diagnosis. "Ay," he said, "Reckon there's dead-tongue in yon beck. Gaa an' clear it oot."

The man went, and returned with what the Services term a nil report. The farmer took him by the arm, led him to Tarn Ling, and scooped away beneath the high, scented tangle of meadowsweet and other flowery innocence flourishing along the damp banks. To the unsuspecting, that beck was certainly a ribbon of harmless beauty; myriads of slender stems trembling like mist in the sunlight, with harebells and burnets and golden vetches as jewels. But underneath it all his delving hands exposed the wicked dead-tongue. The heifer's snatching muzzle had picked up the tips of it. Castor oil soon restored her rightful flippancy. But a farmer of less experience might have guessed and acted too late.

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Guttering, or cleaning, these becks is one of my winter hobbies, and in my novitiate I was given a solemn briefing about dead-tongue. The sharpened spade, biting into the sludge and

vegetation choking the bed of the beck, can easily dig up dead-tongue roots. To leave them scattered along the bank with the other debris, especially on a bright afternoon, when the cattle may be released from their long thralldom of the byre for a brief, mild hour, is to invite trouble.

Most folk know how brackens can slay cattle and sheep. In drought, these seas of juicy emerald must be a maddening provocation. But how many would dream of indicting the tormentil, that fragment of gold-dust peeping up from the peaty soil? In its tiny charm it savours of some fairy-story. By its endurance, lasting in flower until late October, it seems to deserve admiring gratitude. Yet what it does to sheep puts it in the same category as the Borgias. Queerly, the upshot of eating tormentil varies according to the sheep's haphazard choice of action after the meal. Should it stray into a shadowy spot and stay there for a while, there is little effect. Should it browse in the sun, the ears and eyes become hot and swollen, and the next stage is a crop of scabs. Perhaps the scientist can give the reason why. Ourselves, we only know that such is the strange inconsistency of tormentil poisoning.

Our dale name for horsetail, that weed resembling a miniature fir tree, is toad-pipe. Because it loves wet ground, it stays as a succulent lure long after decent grasses, on better-drained land, have shrivelled to tinderiness. The hungry cow nibbles at it. She who has done honour to the Register of Milk Records with her ample seven gallons a day begins to fall off in production. Toad-pipe is capable of drying her up altogether.

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Once upon a time I had some waste ground where groundsel defied eradication and put me in danger of the law. A young man who kept rabbits begged eagerly-granted leave to harvest it. He vowed that rabbits thrive on groundsel. Now that is peculiar, since all our dale-folk rightly cry out against its harmfulness to cattle and sheep. After eating it they have been known to swell up and die, their intestines shot with blood. Though it is much less concentrated in evil than toad-pipe, its habit of thriving on starved ground makes it a sinister neighbour.

I have heard it said that the seed pods of

the broom will hurt any animal that chances to eat them. Botanists point out that these alkaloids belong to the nightshade group and its malevolent cousin, henbane. These two names conjure up a shudder, remembering that one of their products is hyoscyamine, a sedative in small quantities and a destroyer of life in larger doses, as was proved by Dr. Crippen. In the hard months our sheep are fond of broom. Often through February and March I have watched them standing on their hind legs and snatching avidly at the tips of the shrubs. Whether they sleep better after these meals is facetious conjecture. The pods then are few, most of them broken away and scattered by the four winds. It might be a different matter in the late summer, for these alkaloids reach a sequence of discharging surplus venom into unwanted parts, particularly the pod. Up to date, there is a rumour of one sheep upset by broom. Another victim, human in this instance, was the small son of a friend of mine. Persuaded by the similarity of broom pods to garden peas, he enjoyed a meal of them, and spent the next week in bed.

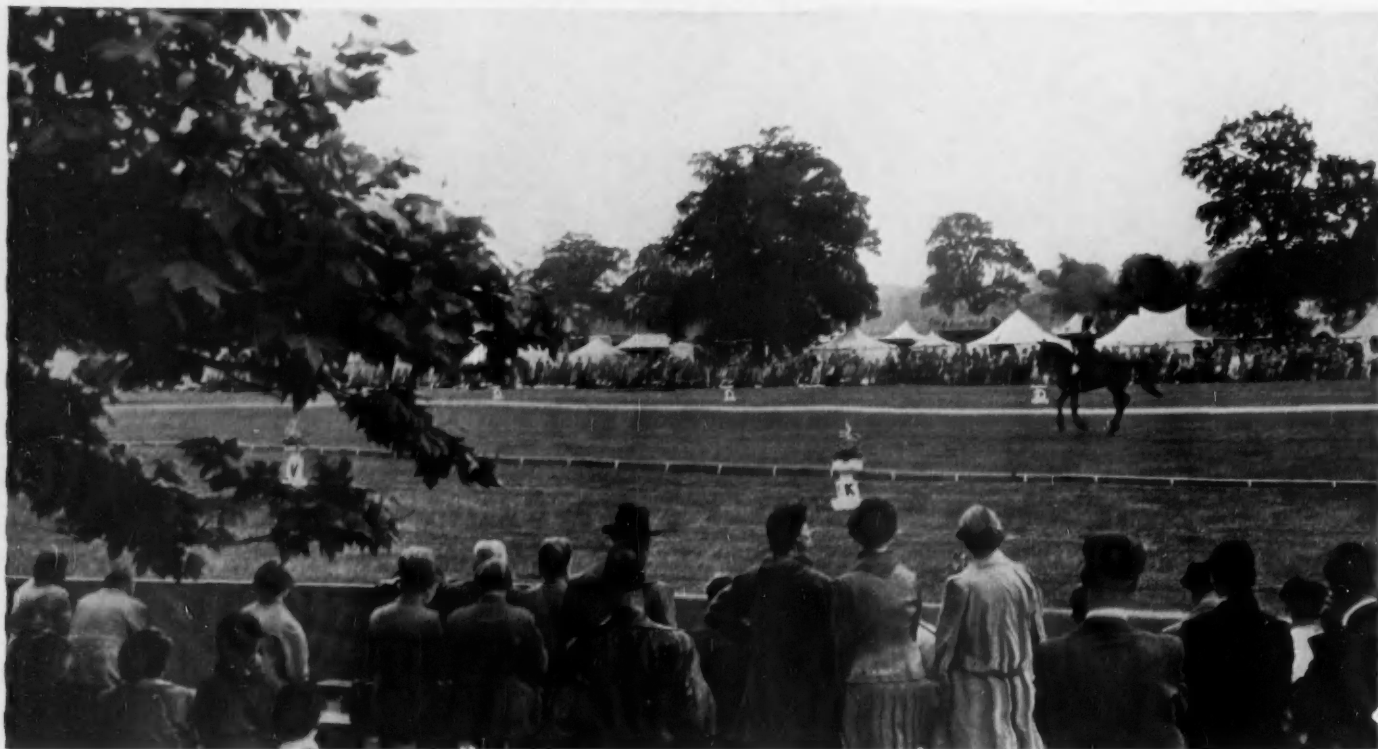
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The average child is well aware that the yew, the rhododendron and the laurel were never intended as food for man or beast. The sight of a butterfly being asphyxiated by crushed laurel in a killing-bottle came as a nasty shock to my childhood. Young cattle and sheep are less informed. Even the grown-ups of their kind will make the lethal mistake of chewing these evergreens. A few years back we bought a fairly expensive ram and put it among good grazing. It promptly deserted the nutritious grass, found some laurel, gorged, and paid the penalty. The final stages were a swelling of the body and green froth about the mouth. Poisoning from these sources has the additional curse of delayed action. In one case a sheep on a nearby farm died three weeks after its last contact with laurel.

Our acid, peaty soil grows laurel and rhododendron in abundance. We were hoping that during the drought their polished greenery would escape the attentions of the sheep. It was out of the question to keep a continuous eye on the roving creatures. All we could do was to touch wood.

# BRITISH HOPES FOR OLYMPIC TRIALS

By LIONEL DAWSON



A GENERAL VIEW OF THE RING DURING THE DRESSAGE COMPETITION ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE THREE-DAY HORSE TRIALS AT HAREWOOD, YORKSHIRE

**T**HE smoke will now have cleared over Harewood Field, Yorkshire, after the Three-day Horse Trials last week. Lest there be any to whom the news has not penetrated here is the result. The incomparable Kilbarry, ridden by the recently-promoted Lt.-Col. Frank Weldon, added yet another victory to their unbroken series this season, and by a very comfortable margin, too. Their final score was 21.33 to the 53.59 of Captain Naylor-Leyland riding Mrs. Hatton Hall's Bright Prospect.

As some compensation for her bad luck at

Windsor Ireland's Miss Moreton came into third place on Lt.-Col. Hume Dudgeon's admirable 15.1 hands Copper Coin. Close behind in fourth place was Miss Willcox on her High and Mighty. Space does not admit of any further mention of the placings beyond recording the fortunes of the two former winners of this event: the gallant Neptune and Mrs. Boon finished fifth, while Miss Moltano and Carmena were blown out at No. 9 fence in the cross-country.

To dwellers in the south in particular it had perhaps seemed doubtful whether, unless the state of the ground was very different from the

conditions prevailing there, a postponement—which might well have meant a cancellation—was not inevitable. A field of twenty, however, demonstrated that a management such as is in office at Harewood will never lack support and also that old turf can take plenty of punishment. The slight rain which fell earlier in the week, backed by the very heavy showers on the morning of the second day, did more good than the harm which might have been expected from so delayed a watering, and by zero hour for the cross-country there was little, if anything, to complain of in the conditions beyond a rather high wind.

On the other hand, I think that the hard going in the dressage ring did adversely affect competitors in general, especially in the extended movements. Tramella, for example, never very strong in this particular, was noticeably less so than usual. The accuracy of the rest of her performance, however, writes off most of this weakness.

On the whole I think that it can be said that this phase ran very much on accepted form. It is not for any other than the real expert to comment on the technicalities of this part of the proceedings, and I do not claim any such designation. It is permissible, however, for a ringside critic to question the feasibility of circling on a radius of two long yards only at the trot, and I would welcome reassurance on this point. Australia's Brown Sugar, obviously going tender, was withdrawn at the end of the day, leaving nineteen contestants to dispute the issue on the second day. For this considerable alterations had been made from last year. Briefly, the cross-country section was arranged as a heel line—the vast majority of the fences being jumped the other way round; an exception was the silage pit. The quarry, taken in reverse, appeared to be likely to cause much alarm and despondency. Actually, it proved to have no terrors, and the field, going straight ahead, as far as I could see without exception, and jumping the exit fence from the side of the bank instead of using the easier-seeming approach of the path round its foot, put it properly in its place: Miss Nehring's Major's fall at the exit was the only error. Much the same can be said of the acutely-angled zig-zag fence, where difficulty was prophesied. Horses found no perils in taking it straight, so



HIGH AND MIGHTY, RIDDEN BY MISS S. WILLCOX, WHO WON THE DRESSAGE TEST AND WAS FOURTH IN THE TRIALS

far as my observation went, and it produced only one refusal, and that by a combination which otherwise did so well that it would be ungracious to name it.

Admirably constructed by Mr. E. Field, this was a well-conceived course, well suited for the journey for which it was designed. The steeplechase section was inside the park—a great convenience for all as compared with the old Bramham Moor point-to-point course outside the park perimeter.

The horses were, of course, on the top of the ground on the second day and the difference between this and the Windsor deep going is very evident when the performances are broken up. Only three falls occurred and roughly twenty refusals. Fifteen out of nineteen finished and were passed fit the next day. The vast majority took good advantage of the steeplechase bonus possibilities, despite the fact that the reversal of the cross-country course provided the best opportunities for getting on during its first two miles, with the most difficult questions asked towards the end of the journey. This was, I should say, the principal problem to be solved in that process of riding with the head which is so necessary in these contests. Except in the case of Bambi, deliberately taken slowly since she had been coughing very recently and can be said to have been started only by the sportsmanship of her owner, there was little time lost by anyone and I saw only a bare minimum of horses which had had enough.

As is so often the case, the anticipated dangers proved the least disastrous. The really quite moderate hazards of the silage pit—where Carmena, no doubt viewing the pit beyond, possibly with recollections of Windsor's chasm into which she fell, declined to risk a repetition—claimed the most penalties.

This fixture must, of course, be viewed with an eye to the long-term policy for next year's Olympics, and it can, I think, be said that the performances must have given the selectors—present in force—some quiet confidence. To me, the performance of Bright Prospect gave great satisfaction, as I have always believed in the honesty of the horse. His was the nearest approach to the perfections of Kilbarry and his galloping was exhilarating. It was announced at the end of the day that he and his rider with Miss Gilligan's Jungle Queen, Miss Willcox and High and Mighty, Major Birtwistle and Delagyle and Lieut.-Commander Oram and Copper Plate have been invited by the B.H.S. to go into training for the three-day horse trials at Turin in October. Colonel Weldon will for this occasion be the non-riding captain. Here we have a nucleus for next June at Stockholm as far as horses go, three of which have won their spurs at this year's Harewood, a nucleus which will gain much experience—the main purpose of their journey—in Italy. Behind them stand Countryman and Starlight, and Kilbarry is, of



THE WINNER OF THE TRIALS: LIEUT.-COL. F. WELDON ON KILBARRY



CAPT. M. NAYLOR-LEYLAND, WHO CAME SECOND ON MRS. HATTON HALL'S BRIGHT PROSPECT

(Left) MISS P. MORETON NEGOTIATING A JUMP ON LIEUT.-COL. J. HUME DUDGEON'S COPPER COIN. THEY TOOK THIRD PLACE



course, a must. All, however, is not quite so easy as that, since ladies may not ride in the Olympic Games, a fact which effectively disposes of such, for example, as Tramella, whom it is impossible to divorce from Miss Mason. The case of High and Mighty is another. This is an outstanding horse which gave a wonderful show at Harewood, his two refusals in the cross-country being pure ill-luck and his dressage—in which he was first—outstanding.

The availability of horses ridden normally by ladies, who are generally the owners as well, depends accordingly upon their public-spiritedness and capacity for self-abnegation. I do not think that, if this situation should arise, we need fear the result, or that suitable substitutes will not be available.

I cannot end without paying tribute to the wonderful organisation of this event, which gets better each year.

# WOBURN ABBEY, BEDFORDSHIRE—II

SOME GEORGIAN CRAFTSMEN

By CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY



1.—THE WEST FRONT MIRRORED IN THE OCTAGON POND

**H**ORACE WALPOLE has left two accounts of visits to Woburn: the first in a letter (to Montague, October 8, 1751) before the 4th Duke of Bedford's main alterations had begun; the second in his journal of visits to country houses after "the front new built by Duke John was finished in 1759." His comments show him difficult to please. "Tho' it has cost above £40,000, (it) is much spoiled, partly by adhering to the old proportions, and partly by the Duke's persisting to save the grotto and some old parts at the angles which had been added by Inigo Jones. He employed Flitcroft, and there is little done in good taste, though no part very bad, except there is a mixture, in the finishing, of all tastes. The back of the house is gothic: one apartment has much Chinese, another French, and the rest is Roman. . . . None of the chimney-pieces are very fine."

The last comment may mean that none of them was in the elegant neo-classical style which Paine and Taylor were beginning to introduce at that time and which Adam would soon make the rage. In fact, they are very handsome of their more florid kind. But Walpole was not particularly interested. For instance, the entrance hall (Fig. 3), which he found "too low," has, according to him, "two base reliefs by Du Val." This is not true; the reliefs, above the two facing fireplaces and representing respectively a sacrifice to Apollo and to Diana, are by Rysbrack, who received 100 guineas for them in 1755. But he was right about the chimney-pieces themselves; of Totternhoe stone, they were carved by the firm of Devall, at that time chief masons to the Royal Palaces, and responsible for other important chimney-pieces at Woburn as well as for supplying Portland stone. The Diana relief is a repetition of that by Rysbrack

in the Stone Hall at Houghton carved some 25 years earlier, his drawing for which Lord Cholmondeley has presented to the British Museum. In *Michael Rysbrack, Sculptor*, Mrs. Webb has noted a third version in the hall at

Godmersham, Kent. The Woburn reliefs suffered in quality from being carved in stone supplied by the economical Duke.

It is not known why the Duke replaced Sanderson as architect, who knew Woburn intimately, and in 1733 had made designs for its reconstruction, which Flitcroft was apparently instructed to follow very closely. Flitcroft was, of course, the senior, a prominent figure in the Board of Works and architect for the comparable reconstruction of Wentworth Woodhouse, Yorkshire (c. 1735-1770). Moreover, he had been employed in 1740 by Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough (in fitting up a house in Dover-street), and her opinions carried weight at Woburn. The Duke may have formed a good opinion of Flitcroft in connection with his building of two houses in Bloomsbury-square in 1744, when the architect, alluding to the plainness of their design, emphasised that "to make them durable should be a principal consideration." It is constantly made evident in the documents that the Duke undertook the rebuilding unwillingly and wanted it kept as unostentatious and as little changed as possible, both on sentimental and probably economical grounds. That he had qualms of conscience about Sanderson is suggested by the fact that in 1755, when the Duke was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, he was brought in, with Keene, as architect for the new front of Trinity College, Dublin. Sanderson was apparently still retained for routine jobs, such as replacing casements with sash windows, and charged in 1755 for 80 days' travelling to and from Woburn. This might suggest that he supervised the reconstruction under Flitcroft; but no further documentary evidence of such a collaboration has come to light.

Walpole's complaint about the hall being too low comes oddly from a son of Houghton,



2.—ONE OF THE TWO CHIMNEY-PIECES BY DEVAL IN THE ENTRANCE HALL. The relief by Rysbrack



3.—THE ENTRANCE HALL IN THE CENTRE OF THE FRONT

where Campbell had similarly provided an undercroft hall such as was usual in Palladian mansions. The question of whether the hall was appropriate as the principal entrance had evidently been considered during the reconstruction, for Flitcroft alludes in a letter of 1752 to alternative designs: "to ascend to the Saloon by the flights of steps, or to enter by a basement hall," as first proposed. It is characteristic of the 4th Duke's whole approach to the reconstruction that the less ostentatious alternative was adopted, with the accompanying lack of a direct or particularly handsome ascent to the main floor.

In the hall are four day-bed settees of mahogany with cabriole legs, the seat-frames pierced and carved with a key-fret. They belong to a large suite, most of which is in the gallery, and which resembles the suite supplied to Longleat Castle in 1740 by Benjamin Goodison, who also made important furniture for Holkham. Goodison was patronised by Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, incidentally decorating the house in Dover-street mentioned above in connection with Flitcroft, and was associated with Paul Saunders, whose name occurs at Woburn. In the gallery there is also a mahogany knee-hole writing-desk with lion-headed consoles of the type associated with Goodison and found at Alnwick, St. Giles's House and elsewhere; but no accounts with him survive at Woburn.

Besides the two reliefs in the hall,



4.—ONE OF THE CHIMNEY-PIECES BY RYSBRACK IN THE SALOON

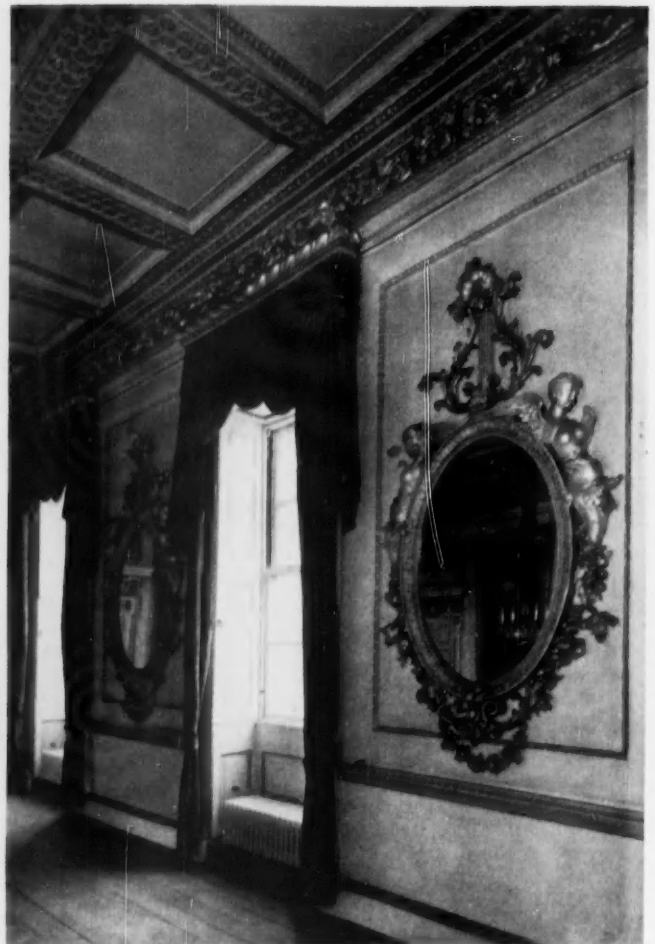


5.—CHIMNEY-PIECE IN THE CHINESE ROOM. The portrait is of Gertrude Leveson-Gower, second wife of the 4th Duke, by Reynolds



6.—IN THE GALLERY. Over the chimney-piece (by Devall) are the "mosaick" designed by Duchess Gertrude and the pair of Chinese vases decorated with the same pattern

Rysbrack supplied in their entirety the two chimney-pieces in the saloon above it (Fig. 4). His bill, for £195, itemises "two whole Terms and two profile Terms (the scrolled imposts with female heads), festoons of fruit and flowers, and a frieze of a man's head and cornucopias." He also charged for "drawing, modelling and carving and polishing a tablet . . . representing a nymph laying on the ground and a boy running to her, being frightened by a sea-monster, £25." (Evidently the sculptor himself did not always know the subject of these "mythological" tablets). This forms part of the drawing-room chimney-piece, consisting of Siena marble Ionic columns with an inland fret, for which Devall charged £100. The latter supplied in 1755-6, among others, the State dining-room chimney-piece, having "profile Terms carved with Diana's head, and two festoons" (£142). Devall's bill for the gallery chimney-pieces (Fig. 6), of "veined and statutory [sic] marble," itemises "swags of drapery, raised eyes to sides and drops of drapery in a tablet with cross palms and frieze with eagles' heads and foliage, flowers in the knees of the architrave" (£120). In 1770-1 there are references to "putting up six chimney-pieces executed by Mr. Hayward." This was Richard Hayward (1728-1800), much employed at Somerset House by Sir William



7.—IN THE STATE DINING-ROOM. The gilt mirrors were probably supplied by Samuel and William Norman, 1760

Chambers, who was engaged at Woburn in 1770 on various works, including a bridge in the park. A letter from Chambers approving the price of one of these chimney-pieces, "as the work is very large," has been found by Mr. Rupert Gunnis in the British Museum. None is now identifiable, unless one of them is that in the Chinese Room in the north wing (Fig. 5); but since the "China paper," which lines its walls, was bought in 1753 (£16 7s.), it is difficult to reconcile the dates.

One of the gallery chimney-pieces recalls the Duke's connection, inherited from his maternal great-grandfather, with the East India Company, in whose fleet he owned two vessels. In the overmantels are panels displaying the Russell arms and "mosaicked with enrichments from a drawing of Her Grace's design" (Fig. 6). Executed apparently on stiff paper, in gold and black apart from the heraldry, the panels were supplied by the firm of Crompton and Spinnage, paper stainers, in 1754. A little later, according to Miss Scott Thomson (*Family Background*), the pattern was sent out to China to be reproduced, in a brownish gold with a version of the arms, on the two vases seen beside one of



8.—ONE OF A PAIR OF FINE ENGLISH MARQUETRY COMMODES. The top is of inlaid marble, made in Florence, 1763

the panels in the illustration. This is an exceptional instance of that intercourse which enabled many English families to procure Oriental dinner services emblazoned with their heraldry.

For the decorating and furnishing of the State rooms it is apparent, although the accounts are incomplete, that the Duke chiefly employed Samuel Norman, described in his account (1760) as "Cabinet-Maker, Carver, etc., at the Royal Tapestry Manufactory, Soho Square." This business, the descendant of the Great Wardrobe and Mortlake works, had recently been taken over by Paul Saunders in partnership with William Bradshaw—all three of whom were much employed at Holkham. Saunders appears at Woburn confirming an account for mirrors by Norman.

Samuel Norman contracted to paint and gild all the enriched woodwork (some of which was re-used from the decoration of the previous rooms), "for new carving the whole of all the grand ornaments," and putting up the damask hangings and curtains. With William Norman he also supplied in 1760 a number of "frames in burnished gold with large mirrors," one pair of which cost £412. A feature of the State rooms is the elaborate mirrors between the windows, as in Fig. 7, which are of similar type to those at Holkham attributed to James Whittle, another member of the firm. Samuel Norman also supplied suites of furniture. The large and magnificent gilt gesso suite in the saloon and Queen's drawing-room (Fig. 9) is so similar to that which he supplied in 1763 to Sir Lawrence Dundas, from an early design by Adam, that its ascription to Norman is permissible, though the suite cannot be identified in the surviving accounts. This highly accomplished craftsman had in 1758 taken on the business of "Mr. West in King Street, Covent Garden;" but the premises were damaged by fire in the next year, which may account for his removal to Soho-square. In King-street Norman had been in partnership with James Whittle, who had carved mirrors at Holkham and so may have worked with Norman on those at Woburn. Whittle also carved in stone, for in 1754 he charged for carving and erecting the heraldic sculpture in the pediments of the west range at Woburn.

No accounts have come to light for the elaborate stucco-work of the State room ceilings. With one exception they are of the compartmented type derived from Kent's *Designs of Inigo Jones*, with additional enrichments, and were presumably designed by Flitcroft. In quality and style they compare with those at Holkham for which "Thomas Clark of Westminster" was principally responsible. The exception is that of the State bedroom, which, as Walpole noted, is "one of those from Palmyra," derived from Robert Wood's publication (1753).

In this room there is a pair of exceptionally fine English marquetry commodes with ormolu mountings in the early Adam style (Fig. 8). The top, in each case, is of Florentine inlaid marbles, the central and corner panels depicting scenes of shipping, the black marble ground inlaid with flowers, shells and butterflies; and is signed "Lambertus Christianus Gori F. Florentiae, A.D. 1763." This date suggests that the commodes were procured at the time of the marriage of Lord Tavistock (1764), the Duke's only son, who was killed by a fall from his horse in 1768. One or both appear in an inventory of Bedford House in 1771. A good deal now at Woburn was presumably at Bedford House. With the curious gaps in the Woburn documentation this may account for the relatively small proportion of the contents definitely assignable to particular craftsmen.



9.—THE QUEEN'S DRAWING-ROOM. The gilt gesso chair and settee belong to a set, c. 1760, attributable to Samuel Norman

# LESSONS OF ITALIAN PAINTING

By DENYS SUTTON



SCHOOL OF GIOTTO (c. 1266-1337): *NOLI ME TANGERE*. (Right) DOSSO DOSSI (1474-1542): *ARIADNE (?)*. The paintings illustrating this article are among those in an exhibition of Italian art on view at the Birmingham City Art Gallery

TO coincide with the summer school of Italian studies at Birmingham, the City Art Gallery has staged an instructive exhibition of Italian painting from the 13th to the 17th century. The nucleus consists of the Italian section of the late Lord Lee of Fareham's collection, which is on loan at Birmingham until such time as London University (to which it was bequeathed) is ready for its reception.

It must at once be admitted that this survey has not been conceived as a grand panorama, after the style of the famous 1930 exhibition at the Royal Academy; on the contrary, it is the sort of anthology, drawn from private and public sources, including the Royal collection, which could have been arranged by the directors of the British Institution a century or so ago. Hence, perhaps, its charm and even its period flavour; in fact, this is the type of assembly in which the emphasis is placed on isolated connoisseurship rather than the tightly woven skein of history. It has, too, the added advantage of

making us realise that before generalisations can be advanced pictures must be looked at singly and with enthusiasm. This is perhaps salutary now that the art historian relies so heavily on photography.

Although the number of major paintings on view is restricted, several highly important and even unfamiliar works are present. Indeed, few can have seen, for instance, Fra Angelico's two small panels of St. Michael and St. Nicholas, belonging to the Rev. A. Hawkins Jones, which were recently published by John Pope-Hennessy, or be aware that Veronese's dramatic *The Resurrection*, painted for the church of St. Jacopo at Murano, passed only a short time ago from Lowther Castle to the chapel of Westminster Hospital. (A companion picture, *The Visitation*, may also be seen in Birmingham at the Barber Institute.) The range of the exhibition is sufficiently wide to embrace, on the one hand, Biagio di Uti's two monumental Morelli and Nerli marriage chests, which still retain

their *spalliere* or painted backs (from the Lee collection), and on the other such a grandiose example of Guercino's early style as *Elijah Fed by the Ravens* (Mr. Denis Mahon).

The exhibition is significant, however, not only for what it shows but for what it stands for. In fact, now that the official patrons of such matters concentrate (perhaps rightly) on arranging exhibitions of modern art, it is as well that other bodies should step in to hold the balance and present the old masters. Naturally such painters can be studied in the museums, but an exhibition, which carries with it a measure of interpretation (no less than of publicity), has the merit of forcing us to examine what may often seem on the whole to be tolerably familiar. Moreover, our understanding of modern art has, if anything, grown at the expense of the old masters. Whereas some thirty years ago a Roger Fry felt it his mission to make us appreciate Cézanne or Matisse by reference to a painting such as *Noli Me Tangere*



DOMENICO BECCAFUMI (1485-1551): *THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN IN THE TEMPLE*

from the school of Giotto or a Siennese primitive, now a successor could enjoy an enviable rôle by illuminating the connections existing between those modern painters whom we see on every side, and whose success is assured, and those earlier masters who seem almost to snooze in the museums.

The paradox of this exhibition, which is not arranged with any such revolutionary aim in mind (as the catalogue reveals in some respects), is that it drives home the extent of the changes in emphasis and in approach that have occurred within a few years. At the present moment, for instance, far more is known about Mannerist or Baroque painting than used to be the case; the relevance of Guido Reni for Reynolds or Gainsborough, to take only one instance, is now fully realised. Again, Beccafumi's three scenes from the life of the Virgin (Mrs. Raymond Asquith) possess that nervous Mannerist intensity so much appreciated by our generation; the ability so to render space that it gives off the impression of tension and the nervous flicks of paint (akin almost to the dynamic touch of Magnasco) have a sketchiness of accent that we find especially intriguing.

That a gallery should be devoted to the Seicento confirms, moreover, the swing in the pendulum of taste. This period substantiates the general rule that the history of art must be seen in the round if it is to make sense. Thus Annibale Carracci's *St. John in a Landscape* (Mr. Denis Mahon) emerges as a key picture for the study of landscape painting. Executed about 1590 or soon after, it reflects the renewed interest in nature (stemming from Venice) which Annibale was to promote in Rome and to which his pupil Domenichino gave a more classical tinge. The exhibition is full of surprises of this sort. Among other things, it confirms that Salviati is a painter of considerable merit; and his *Portrait of a Man* (University of Glasgow),



MORETTO DA BRESCIA (c. 1498-1554): *MADONNA AND CHILD WITH ST. JEROME*

where the man appears heavy and sad with his dog, a true companion (in an anti-Boswellian sense), suggests an iconography which Van Dyck was to elaborate.

The survey contains, too, a number of little-known pictures that succeed in making a fresh point, as was the case with the Carracci. To examine several of the Lee paintings in the light of new evidence is also most instructive. It is no less interesting to observe that some of the pictures shown have returned to this country from Trans-atlantic collections. Thus the two exquisite *Scenes from the Life of the Virgin*, with their almost Chinese delicacy of line and colour, attributed to Francesco di Vanuccio by Langton Douglas and Pope-Hennessy, once belonged to Pierpont Morgan. Other pictures have not yet received the benefit of publication; these include

the tender *Madonna and Child* by Moretto da Brescia (Mr. F. F. Madan), in which a provincial interpretation of a Titianesque theme is imbued with a special poetry, or the startling figure, possibly of Ariadne, by Dosso Dossi (Mr. W. A. Martin).

Needless to say, the exhibition poses various problems of attribution. Now that Giorgione is on parade at Venice one wonders if *Moses and the Burning Bush* (from the Lee collection) will win acceptance. It nicely demonstrates, in any case, the conflict between two methods of approach: between that of Morelli, which is based on an attentive comparison of single details, and that which consists of assessing the connections of mood. Whereas, however, the spirit of the picture—the gentle fading landscape, the pensive figure—are all that one demands from *Giorgionismo*, the handwriting, as far as it appears from the battered condition, in no way suggests the artist responsible for *The Three Philosophers* at Vienna.

No less interesting is *Ecce Homo* from the Dublin National Gallery, which has recently been assigned to Titian on the strength of a suggested resemblance to his *Christ on the Cross* of about 1560 at Ancona. Although it is certainly a striking—almost a moving—picture, it lacks a sense of spiritual conflict, the pensive note that distinguishes the late Titian. Then, too, the handling—especially in the arm and head—might suggest that some follower, perhaps Palma Giovane, in his early phase, assumed for a moment the mantle of the master, but failed to achieve the necessary translation of form into substance made vivid only by the operations of colour.

It is indeed, the merit of this fascinating exhibition to make us look again at masters whose *œuvre* seems, quite wrongly, to be definitive.



PORTRAIT OF A MAN, ATTRIBUTED TO SALVIATI (1510-1563). (Right) ANNIBALE CARRACCI (c. 1560-1609): *ST. JOHN IN A LANDSCAPE*

## NEW BOOKS

## QUARRELS ABOUT THE CLOUDS

TWO American meteorologists, Irving P. Krick and Roscoe Fleming, have written a good introduction to their book, *Sun, Sea and Sky* (Gollancz, 16s.). Subtitled *Weather in our World and in our Lives*, it deals chiefly with conditions in the United States, but much of it is universally applicable. Weather may be defined as the endless journey of water from sea to sky and back to sea again, a good deal of it via the land, and the meteorologist's job is to observe and tabulate this journey, by an understanding of the forces of solar energy which set it in motion. He must also be a prophet and, in the States at any rate, he is often called upon to make the rains start falling with his "rain-seeding" processes. This arouses ticklish legal problems, as some American states claim absolute rights on the clouds within their boundaries, while others claim clouds that would, if left to themselves, come within their boundaries. As rain-making becomes more widespread, one can foresee world-wide squabbles on such matters.

## A New Ice Age?

The weather-man is a long-range as well as a short-range prophet. Thus he tells us that the human race is producing enough carbon dioxide to heat the atmosphere, melt the Polar ice-caps and flood low-lying regions of the earth. On the other hand, we are probably on the threshold of a new Ice Age, so the two tendencies may cancel each other out.

The authors deal with the effect of climate on civilisation, and vice versa—shown by denuded areas from ancient Greece to the modern American dust-bowls. They discount the possible effects of atomic explosions on the weather on the grounds of the comparatively small amounts of energy released, without any discussion of the effects of radioactive dust high in the atmosphere. There is one annoying feature in the book: when the illustrations are referred to in the text, no page reference or number is given. But the book is a readable account of one of the most interesting of modern sciences.

## POTTERY CHIMNEY FIGURES

STAFFORDSHIRE pottery figures, so colourful and naively modelled, were produced in tremendous numbers. Reginald Haggard, in *Staffordshire Chimney Ornaments* (Phoenix House, 42s.) provides evidence that "a small boy could produce as many as 144,000 small figures in a year of fifty weeks." The appendix lists more than 260 "Manufacturers of Chimney Ornaments, Image Toys and Figures," and 92 trade modellers are noted. Mr. Haggard's book will be widely welcomed, for little of authority has been written on the 19th-century aspect of the subject. This monograph is the result of a quarter of a century of personal research in the Potteries.

Here for the first time may be read the full story of that "shiftless rascal" John Voyez, the silversmith who became a modelling genius admired by Wedgwood. The two appear to have quarrelled and Voyez was sentenced at the Assize Court to be whipped with the cat-o'-nine-tails and to serve three months' imprisonment. The shock and scandal brought about his wife's death. After his release the embittered Voyez modelled in basaltes for Humphrey Palmer, of Hanley, Wedgwood's fiercest rival. Here he produced such masterpieces as *Venus and Cupid in Vulcan's Smithy* and *Vulture preying on the Liver of Prometheus*, both dated 1769. Voyez then set up as a freelance, modelling among other outstanding work the *Fair Hebe* jug for Astbury. He vanished from the Staffordshire scene in 1790.

The Tittensor family, who

operated a pottery at Shelton, are introduced to collectors at length by Mr. Haggard. The Tittensors were responsible for a distinctive type of figure pottery with tree backgrounds, transitional between the glaze-coloured work of the 18th century and John Walton's fully enamelled figures. A distinctive feature was the use of translucent green on the bases: some are impressed TITTENSOR. The quaint chimney ornaments of Obadiah Sherratt, described by Mr. Haggard as "direct and vigorous almost to the point of brutality, appealing because of their very healthy vulgarity," are discussed at length for the first time.

The appendices are invaluable to the collector, as they offer information unobtainable elsewhere. More than 80 details of figure bases are sketched and described in five schools: Ralph Wood, John Walton, Obadiah Sherratt, Sampson Smith, late and early 19th century. The book is illustrated with five colour plates and 64 pages of monochrome plates and there is a list of potters' marks.

## Sheffield Plate and Pewter

Edward Wenham's *Old Sheffield Plate* (Bell, 18s. 6d.) is a well-illustrated collector's volume, notable for its meticulous accuracy. There is a useful dated list of the marks registered by the platers at the Sheffield Assay Office, as required by the Act of 1784. The beginner collector will welcome the informative chapter differentiating between the real and the bogus Sheffield plate. Unfortunately the author has omitted reference to a number of important features of great assistance in attribution to period. There is a chapter on Britannia metal, described by Mr. Wenham as "the plate of the impecunious."

The mystery of the pewterer is as ancient as it is skilled and *Antique Pewter of the British Isles*, by Ronald F. Michaelis (Bell, 22s. 6d.) is an all-too-brief survey of the craft from the time of Elizabeth I to Victorian days. The characteristics distinguishing domestic pewter of the various periods are described and illustrated. G. B. H.

## GUIDES TO DENMARK

DENMARK has now been added to the list of Blue Guides, *Denmark* (Ernest Benn, 21s.), and as more and more tourists are visiting that hospitable and skilfully publicised country it should have a ready sale. It deserves it, for there is no comparable guide in English. It is thorough, and as accurate as a guide book can be in an ever-changing world. For example, it speaks of the Bornholm railways as though they were still in existence. Future editions will no doubt record that large sections of the line were discontinued more than a year ago. The map of Copenhagen, it may be noted, contains many letter-references to which it is not easy to find the key, and as generous references are rightly made to the benefactions of the Carlsberg Foundation some mention might in fairness have been made to those of the Tuborg Foundation. One further suggestion: in the general introduction a paragraph at least might be devoted to Denmark's extraordinary economy—how, lacking practically all minerals and sources of power, it contrives to hold a large share of the world's export trade. An excellent supplement to this Guide is Stephen Clissold's *Denmark* (Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.). It is attractively written, well illustrated, and packed with out-of-the-way information.

## ASPECTS OF SCOTLAND

IT is impossible within the boards of a single book to give a complete picture of a country, whether in prose or photographs, but it is possible to

give an admirable impression of a country, and that is what Messrs. G. S. Fraser and Edwin Smith have done in *Scotland* (42s.), another of the splendidly produced volumes published by Thames and Hudson. Mr. Fraser, writing with the dispassionate mind of a Scot living in England, provides a lengthy introduction on the history and topography of Scotland and the character of its inhabitants, and he also contributes notes on Mr. Smith's photographs, nearly 200 in number. Mr. Smith is an outstanding photographer, especially where buildings are concerned. He has an eye for the unusual view, for texture and for light and shadow, and where, as is obviously necessary in a book of this sort, he has to photograph a well-known building or scene, he contrives to make us see it in a different way. The choice of subjects is remarkably wide and varied, including many little-known scenes, and one's only criticism of a book that sets out to give a picture of Scotland might be that only two of the photographs show snow on the ground. Also, one would willingly forgo the four colour plates to have four more photographs in black-and-white.

From the same publishers comes the first book in a new series entitled *Beautiful Highways. The Dolomites* (18s.) contains 80 photographs, many of them of great loveliness, five maps and eight drawings. The brief text, translated from the German, gives the historical and geographical context of the photographs and provides much information about the magnificent scenery of the Dolomites, where in these days of tourists and ski resorts one tends to forget the bitter fighting that raged there between the Austrians and Italians in the first World War.

## A GUIDE TO ENGLISH FURNITURE

PREFACES sometimes do no more than thank a list of people, in whom the ordinary reader has no interest, for tasks, like proof reading, which he is equally ready to ignore. Mr. R. W. Symonds, however, explains his latest book most adequately in his first sentence: "In this book I have attempted to come to grips with the difficult and elusive subject of old English furniture and how to collect it." It has a neat title, or at least an entirely specific title, *Furniture-making in 17th and 18th Century England* (The Connoisseur, 8 gns.), but the contents are more generous than this would indicate: much 16th-century furniture is illustrated and discussed with approval, and some 19th-century as well, but without pleasure, and admirers of Regency furniture will not find encouragement in this book. Mr. Symonds also discusses much more than the mere making of furniture. He gives advice of the most valuable kind to anyone with an interest in buying English furniture in its original state.

Methods of forgery and faking have a special fascination. The faker is sometimes looked upon as a Robin Hood character, an artist in his own way, and some satisfaction is felt whenever an expert is deceived. Mr. Symonds has no sympathy with this point of view; he shows clearly the damage that faking has done to both professional and amateur, not only by undermining confidence and emphasising the imperceptive and false aspects of value, but by destroying the proportion and surface condition of simple pieces respectable in their own right.

## How to Detect Faking

There is much about furniture, and especially about wood, which can be learnt only by experience. When Mr. Symonds talks about the "hungry" look of faked gilt, what would

anyone understand who had not seen the condition described? But this is one of the few occasions when his descriptions are not extremely practical. Methods of faking and enhancing are described in detail, so that a buyer can put himself on guard. Where, for instance, would one look in a chair with its frame upholstered all over for evidence of alteration to improve its shape? "When buying an expensive example, it is as well to have the covering material removed from the back and outside of the arms so as to see if the frame is all of the same matured wood. . . . Always examine the number of tack holes and be suspicious when there is only one row; for few chairs have not had their frames upholstered several times." These are two points that are simple and practical and not in anyway depending on a mystical divination of whether a thing looks right or not; yet I would guess that few private buyers take this trouble.

## The Expensive Look

I do not want to suggest that the look of furniture is unimportant, but Mr. Symonds approaches this problem from the other end. He is perfectly able to analyse a good design and frequently does so. More important and original is his method of describing what is done to make a piece look expensive—the cutting down of clock cases, the addition of carving to chairs and galleries to tables. He then demonstrates by means of text and illustration how this has destroyed the qualities which the piece originally had, even if it has introduced a fashionable trimming which increases the price. In this connection a valuable feature is the detailed history of drawer-construction, which is contrasted with the faker's methods and forms a useful guide to altered pieces.

There is a final chapter on clocks, which deals with the inherently complicated question of movements without presuming too much knowledge on the part of the reader, and which is most successful in distinguishing the qualities of the better-known makers. Throughout the book, the black and white illustrations have been exceptionally well photographed and reinforce the argument in the text. They are all taken from one unnamed collection. This might have been a limiting factor, but Mr. Symonds has made *Furniture-making in 17th and 18th Century England* a blend of catalogue, history and forceful comment which serves admirably to convey his knowledge and wide experience. It will not be an expensive book for anyone who collects expensive furniture. G. L. C.

## SHOW-JUMPING PRINCIPLES

NO one is better fitted to write about show jumping than Lt.-Col. J. A. Talbot-Ponsonby, outright winner of the King George V Gold Cup before the war, and no one can do it in a simpler and more direct, yet highly informative, fashion. Each of the 80 action photographs around which *The Art of Show-Jumping* (Naldrett Press, 10s. 6d.) is written is specially chosen to illustrate and emphasise a number of principles and factors and it is astonishing how many can be found in one picture. In his opening comments Lt.-Col. Talbot-Ponsonby sums his subject up by saying: "Jumping is a fascinating and tantalising game. It embraces so many different angles of equitation. It allows of different styles and techniques. But there can be no doubt that the hunting field provides a basis which is shared by no other country."

Much excellent advice on a great many aspects of choosing, looking after and riding a pony is provided by Daphne Machin Goodall in *Know Your Pony* (Hart-Davis, 7s. 6d.).

# WINE IN ITS OWN COUNTRY

By SIR NEVILLE PEARSON

EVERYBODY who is fond of wine, and who has travelled abroad, must have asked himself at one time or another why wine always seems to taste better in its own country. He may remember some delicious little corner in the Alps or by the Mediterranean, in Austria or Italy, or maybe on the Rhine, where the food had something that is lacking in the places he visits here. Inevitably there comes, too, the memory of a wine which he enjoyed at that meal, a wine which joined the dishes into a sweet harmony and made both him and his companion seem wittier than they really were. And so he arranged to have a case or two sent home. More often than not, when he eventually uncorked that precious bottle, he was disappointed. Why is this so often the gloomy end to a pleasant little expectation?

A lot of wine, frankly, will not travel. If it had been light, frivolous stuff not worth much in money but gay and agreeable to drink, the only means of getting it home at a reasonable cost would be to have shipped it in the cask, perhaps in partnership with a friend. A light wine, of course, is fragile, possessed of no great original body and of no high alcoholic content to preserve such body as it had. Most wine is intolerant of any prolonged contact with the oxygen in the air; this encourages the development of the bacillus that will eventually turn it into vinegar. If shipped in a cask with its inevitable seepage during the journey, it is apt to suffer in this way. Even if the cask is topped up immediately on arrival, it may not be topped up with just the right wine, or it may be left lying about either in the port, where no one can get at it, or by a careless merchant in his cellar, where the enemies in the air could begin to turn it sour. Curiously, there are wines which enjoy this treatment. In France there is the yellow wine of the Juras which gains its particular flavour from what the French call *noble pourriture*, as opposed to that other mould which turns wine into vinegar, and all sherrys are made with the help of this "noble mould." The sherry trade of Bristol, which, through the centuries, has made such a notable contribution to the fame of that port, was based upon the fact that in the old days good sherry was never considered to be really excellent unless it had been sent for a voyage to the West Indies and back. The continual movement of the sea, combined with prolonged contact with the air in the cask, gave it characteristics which no fragile wine could possibly support.

Eating and drinking are ancillary joys; they go hand in hand. There are not many wines which could be completely enjoyed without some complementary food, and here we find one of the important reasons why I think so many wines are better drunk in their own country. They have grown up in harmony with the eating habits of those who will enjoy them. Spanish wines are notably lacking in finesse; they are strong, sweet, or dry, with a tang or pungency about them which calls for little subtlety in the palate and which harmonises with the harsh or sweet or oily foods that play such a large part in Spanish gastronomy. Garlic, rich spices, a lot of oil, a great deal of sugar, strong tasting flavours—each of which seeks to dominate the meal—these need forceful wines to match them. French cooking is more delicate and far more elegant. The flavours are cleaner and are less involved, and so the wines that go with them can have greater subtlety and a greater range of flavour than those which are drunk with coarser tasting foods.

In our country a lot of the food, frankly, goes better with beer and whisky than it does with the products of the grape. A meal that starts with a thick soup which probably has a lot of flour in it—in many cases inadequately cooked—and then wanders on through fried fish and some heavy meat course to a pudding based on flour and suet is ill-suited to an accompaniment of fine wine. The English pudding often sounds the death knell to a well-balanced selection of wines. In France, if they have a pudding course, it is generally a much

lighter affair than in England and, in any case, it is preceded by cheese, which is generally the official end to wine drinking at that meal. Then come the entremets and the liqueurs. Cheese, of course, is the friend of almost any wine. It is curious that the French have never developed the habit of rounding off a meal with cheese and a glass of good port. To the English it seems incongruous to drink a glass of light port as an *apéritif*.

There remains the question of bringing home wine in the bottle. My own feeling is that most wine in the bottle, unless subjected to great variations of temperature, can travel without much final loss, but of course on arrival it must be drunk in the right surroundings and with the right accompaniment, and after proper treatment, which includes a good rest. The question of temperature is not always final. I have in my possession some excellent 1924

hemisphere which are now considered quite good drinking were almost undrinkable by real wine lovers on this side of the Equator after they had passed through the furnace of that voyage. The advent of cooler and quicker ships has made a lot of wine more palatable.

Further, changes are continually occurring in the way in which wine is made. Since the war the Germans in particular have changed their methods of clarifying their white wines. This makes them more readily transportable. It has largely been done by the manipulation of the sulphur content in the finings. A number of connoisseurs feel that the wine has been basically harmed thereby. Nevertheless, they have managed to transport to distant markets a great deal of wine in a drinkable state which they could not formerly have sent there. The world-wide increase in the demand for European wines, coupled with rising costs in the



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château bottled claret from Batilly, in the Pauillac district. This wine survived a long period in the London docks under bombardment. The bottles show signs of having been subjected to fire, and certainly to a great deal of moisture, and yet the wine to-day is really superb. I had the pleasure not long ago of giving some to a well-known wine merchant from Bordeaux who did not know its history. He said I should have difficulty in finding as good a wine anywhere in that famous city to-day.

Science is an imperfect thing, and there is always something new and something undiscovered. It has been a long journey from the discovery of the first vitamin to all the various complex vitamins which we know to-day, and no doubt in 50 years' time many more will have been separated and identified. I do not think we are by any means at the end of knowing what happens to wine in the bottle when subjected to the movement of a journey, and to differences of temperature. Opinions are continually changing in this matter, and changes in the mechanics of transport all play their part. For instance, a lot of the wines of the southern

country of origin, has had a marked effect upon the quality of many of them. Wines are now made to be ready for earlier consumption, so that merchants can turn their money over more rapidly. Production has been stepped up to cope with growing demands from overseas. To my mind the invasion of Italy by the G.I.s in the last war so greatly increased the demand for chianti in the United States that the quality of that good rugged wine, born to be drunk with pasta and a wide variety of soft and fragrant cheeses, has greatly diminished. I suspect that one reason for this may be that the Italians are not pruning their vines so hard, whereby they get more wine, but of a lower quality. The French are more cautious in this respect, and by law named districts are permitted to produce only a given quantity of wine to be sold under that particular name. Thus the general quality known for generations remains unimpaired.

To sum it all up, it is safe but expensive to bring most wine home in the bottle. If you get it in the cask, be sure that it is bottled by an expert when it gets here and, do not forget, the lighter the wine the greater the risk of failure.

# HAPPY TOURISTS

A Golf Commentary by BERNARD DARWIN

SOME of the events to which many golfers, and certainly those of my own venerable vintage, look back with the keenest pleasure and gratitude for endless hospitality, were the tours of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society. We used to go in the spring to Lancashire and Cheshire, and in the autumn to Scotland. Sometimes, too, we went to Ireland, where was fully as good fun and good golf as anywhere else. Gradually tours on so noble a scale as of old, or, indeed, for a little while on any scale at all, became impossible. These are hard times and people have not had the time or the money to make such long and delightful pilgrimages. However, things have considerably improved, and I am to-day rejoicing over an account of a Scottish tour, fully worthy of past traditions, which our admirable secretary, Gerald Micklem, has just sent me, and even though I may be a little late for the fair I cannot refrain from writing something about it, particularly since it has received too little notice. How I wish I could have been there!

There can never have been a more strenuous tour, for six matches were played, three in the east and three in the west of Scotland, with never a moment's pause between. In old days the matches were generally played by singles in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon, but this time the play was wholly in that most friendly and sociable form, the foursome. That was one slight break with the elder tradition, and I think a good one. Another change, and very interesting from more than one point of view, was that the chief strength of the Society side lay in its undergraduate members, or those who have but just ceased to be undergraduates. In one match there were seven of them out of a side of twelve—Marsh, O'Brien, Impey, Huddy, Pinkerton, Douglas and Shepperson. The last of these at the age of nineteen and a bit must surely be the youngest player ever to have represented the Society.

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This is a thoroughly cheering phenomenon from the point of youthful golf. Once upon a time one or two undergraduates at most came on tour, and John Low or Arthur Croome would give one of them the chance of being blooded by setting him against one of the great men, John Ball at Hoylake or Robert Maxwell at Muirfield. Now, as I said, the chief strength of a Society side is in the undergraduates, and it is the poor elders who must beg for humble places at the tail. The elder

golfers are for the most part not so good as they used to be, partly, perhaps, because they have more work to do in this hard world. The younger ones are as a whole better than they used to be. The play in the President's Putter for the last two years has been demonstrating this shifting of the balance of power, and here is another illustration of an interesting trend.

I must say I feel very sentimental and nostalgic when I think of the night journey to Edinburgh, the drive down to Gullane and then, straight after breakfast, the dash on to that noble stretch of turf, whether to play New Luffness on their course or the Scottish Universities over Gullane. These were again the first two matches and both ended triumphantly. The Society, metaphorically led cheering into action by its Captain, Raymond Oppenheimer, dealt murderously with the Scottish Universities by nine matches to love with three halved. I am told one interesting fact about Gullane which is, I dare say, true of many other places, namely, that myxomatosis has considerably altered the course. "If it were not very dry," writes my informant, "the rough would be very thick indeed, and the greens have lost their keen bareness, making the downhill putt at the 5th no longer a nightmare." Against New Luffness, a course for which I have a deep affection, the Society also did well, winning by eight matches to four. One sad thing, or it seems to me sad, I am told about Luffness, namely, the disappearance of the 6th, the old short hole over the quarry. Of course, it was bad and blind and lucky, but it was fun. Even that rigid moralist Mr. Tom Simpson has laid it down that there should be one bad hole on every course, and here was a thoroughly good-bad one. Its ghost is haunting me.

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Then to Muirfield, for what I take leave to regard as the match of the tour against the Honourable Company, and alas! the Society let its escutcheon be tarnished: this was the only match out of six which it lost. No doubt the Honourable Company had a good side, but, with all respect, I think I can remember a better. In 1901 the side was called Mr. R. H. Johnston's team and it had one or two reinforcements from St. Andrews. This is how it began in the singles, L. M. Balfour-Melville, J. E. Laidlay, S. Mure Fergusson, R. Maxwell, Edward Blackwell. After that irresistible dip into the past I return to the present. The Society, strengthened by the Captain elect of the Royal and Ancient and the Chairman of Ways and Means, did admirably up

till lunch, when they led by four matches to two. Mackie and Draper, a very strong pair, won for the Honourable Company, and so did W. L. Steele and a renegade member of the Society, W. R. Alexander, but all was going very well.

I can only think that the home side are better lunchers; they are surely more hardened vessels than some of their young opponents. At any rate, the score in the afternoon was 4½ to 1½ in their favour. There was some fine recovering on the part of the visitors, notably Huddy and O'Brien, who found themselves five down with five to go against the formidable R. D. R. Walker and Draper. They carried off the whole five in 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, Huddy holing outrageously from 15 yards at the home hole. And, talking of outrageous putts, I am given what may be a grossly prejudiced account of the last putt of the home side in the decisive match. It was holed by Steele, from a range of 15 yards, and was going so fast that "even some of his own side said he would have been nearly in the bunker."

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Now I have not left myself room enough for the three most pleasant matches in Ayrshire, at Prestwick, Troon and, against that alarming body the Thirty-two Club, at Western Gailes. Sir Charles MacAndrew turned his coat and played for Prestwick, not so successfully as at Muirfield. A really almost painful triumph for the Society was that of Shepperson and Fisher, who beat Whitelaw and Alexander by—perhaps it is a misprint, but my correspondent says—9 and 8. Prestwick had J. M. Dykes, J. L. Mitchell and R. D. R. Walker, and the visitors did well to win by 8 to 4. Next day the Troon side bristled with old Scottish internationals—Stevenson, Whyte, Dawson and Neill—and perhaps they were a little older than they once had been, for the Society won all but three matches and those three were halved—an astonishingly clean sweep, and that after a Prestwick dinner.

Finally came the Thirty-two Club's cohorts at Western Gailes, glittering with illustrious western names—Dykes, Jack, McLeod, D. Cameron, Deighton, Whyte and Hamilton. And the Society with its seven undergraduates won by six matches to four. Micklem and Shepperson against Jack and Dykes sounds a good match and our side won it by a hole. And so ended what I am sure must have been a truly delightful tour, full of friendliness and hospitality and a liberal education for some of our young members who will have to carry on the torch. They earned much glory.

# TOO MANY BIRD WATCHERS

By GARTH CHRISTIAN

I MIGHT never have known about it but for the swallows. Pausing at the crossroads to watch their skilful flight between the ilex and the sycamore, I was admiring the grace with which they fed their young in flight, when a car approached. It was travelling fast. Ignoring the preliminary signs warning of the major road ahead, it roared over the white line and was away and out of sight before I could say "golden oriole." But not before I had written down the number.

Looking back now, I realise that if I had not paused to discuss the incident with other witnesses, I might never have known about the bee-eaters. Not that our local reporter who talked of them was indiscreet. He was merely kind and cautious and tactful. "The secret," he explained, "has been wonderfully well kept. The birds have been there since April. But it was only in high summer that the police were warned. The farming folk and quarrymen knew what they were, but didn't trouble to report them—which was, perhaps, just as well." He could not tell me exactly where the birds were nesting. "But if you ring up County Police headquarters, they'll tell you."

I soon found that they would rightly do nothing of the kind. The helpfulness and discretion of our reporter was matched by the skilful diplomacy with which the cultivated voice at police headquarters parried my questions.



G. K. Yeates

THE BEE-EATER, A VISITOR WHOSE WELCOME WAS TOO ENTHUSIASTIC

He could not have been more polite; he seemed grateful for my offers of help in guarding the nests; his voice swelled in agreement when I expressed the view that bird-watchers and photographers may be more of a menace than magpies; then he gave me the address of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds—

which I already knew—and bade me a kindly goodbye.

There followed many minutes of earnest discussion with a couple of fellow naturalists on the ethics of the matter. If bee-eaters are to flourish in Britain, we agreed, they must be sure of a plentiful supply of bees and butterflies and dragon-flies; and they must be granted a reasonable degree of privacy.

If flocks of photographers are to erect hides before their nesting holes, if charms of female naturalists are to stroll about the cliffs where the nests lie and murmurations of male ornithologists are to roost in tents deliberately pitched within their territory, the bee-eaters will soon be banished to the South of France. "The best thing a bird-watcher can do," we agreed, "is to keep right away from the bee-eaters. Unless one can find time to help in guarding the nests, one's duty is to forget about the birds." Sadly, if a little self-righteously, we retired to bed.

But man—and woman—is a contradiction. The heroism of one's finest hour may be discarded next day. Forty-eight ornithologists, we read, saw the bee-eaters last Sunday. Surely we should be allowed a glimpse of them too.

The official R.S.P.B. watcher was as courteous and kind as the police had been and just as firm. Yes, we might see the bee-eaters. "But don't walk beyond those cows. And please sit down and keep quiet."

We sat down. We sat for the best part of two wonderful hours, amazed at the brilliance of the bee-eaters' colouring, astonished by the varied skill of their flight, startled by the beautiful liquid tones of their voices. Their flute-like "quer-quer" cries, reminiscent of the song of waders, made us imagine ourselves at some southern estuary—until one bee-eater began to flutter after flies like a spotted fly-catcher, another hovered like a hawk, and a third swept across the fields in the manner of a mistle thrush. As we watched, one of the two juveniles pounced upon an unsuspecting dragonfly; another caught a bumble bee and, after holding it for some seconds, dropped it and captured it again, perhaps in order to extract the sting.

Suddenly the song of the bee-eaters was challenged by shrill cries of alarm. Far across the quarry an arm was frantically waving. Two ornithologists ahead of us had walked beyond the cows and were striding towards the nesting-hole where young were lurking. The pair promptly withdrew on discovering the cause of the commotion.

Other bird-watchers, we found, had been less considerate. One or two had been as truculent as swans defending their young. Several times the official watcher had had to

order visitors to leave the area, no one, of course, possessing any legal right to walk on this private ground.

As we left the neighbourhood seven bee-eaters were perched on the wires watching twice as many ornithologists. Returning home I had not been in the house five minutes when the telephone rang. "Could you please tell me where the bee-eaters are nesting?" said a strange voice. I couldn't. Ten minutes later the telephone rang again. A determined naturalist known to me put the same question. At first I decided to give my questioner the name and address of the local R.S.P.B. watcher, but this, perhaps, seemed like passing the buck. Briefly I told her "in the strictest confidence."

Next day a friend rang up. "The experiences of a young child," he said, "may transform her whole life. If my small granddaughter could see the bee-eaters it might turn her into a great ornithologist. I'm driving to the quarry to-morrow. Will you come with us?"

I jumped at the chance. We found five cars parked near the site. "This is too bad," said my friend. "It really is too bad the way people are coming to see the bee-eaters."

The grandchild was thrilled by the birds. "I can see eight bee-eaters," she exclaimed.

(A third juvenile had left the nest that morning.) "Now I wish a house-martin would fly over. I don't think I've ever seen a house-martin."

Later that day the telephone rang again. "Isn't it wonderful about the bee-eaters," said the voice. "How did you hear about them?" I asked.

"The person you told in confidence," she explained, "repeated it to me in equally strict confidence."

Just then there was a knock at the door. It was 17-year-old Brian from our village store. "I've come to ask if you've heard about those rare birds nesting at —" and he named the site. "They reckon they're honey birds from South India."

I thanked him for the information and wandered sadly on the common. For when the "honey birds" from South India return to England next spring, as we all hope they may, what will they find awaiting them? A vast flock of ornithologists? A pack of photographers?

Meantime, stacks of gelignite are stored in the quarry where the bee-eaters are nesting. "Don't you find it useful?" I asked the official watcher on guard near the nests.

"It's most useful," he said.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A FOX-HUNTER'S NIGHTMARE

SIR,—My sixteen-year-old grandson has just returned from a holiday spent on a farm at Ruan Minor, Cornwall. He has brought back a memento of his holiday in the form of a fox's brush, and the way in which he obtained it is, I think, well worth recording.

During his stay he enjoyed helping the farmer to gather in the harvest and to his joy was allowed to reap one field of corn, sitting on and working the self-binder drawn by a tractor. After a few rounds of the field they saw evidence that a fox had recently been at work, as there were a fowl's feathers and wings scattered about in the standing corn. A look-out was kept to see if one broke away as the area of standing corn was reduced, but the field was finished without sight of any fox.

The next job was to put the sheaves of corn into stooks, and during this operation the farmer picked up one sheaf that was abnormally heavy, so he put it down and cut the binder cord to investigate the reason. There, to his amazement, in the middle of the sheaf was a three-quarter-grown vixen fox-cub.

It was almost unbelievable that such a large animal could be killed by the cutter knives, picked up and passed through the machine with the corn, to be wrapped up, tied up and thrown out of the binder as a sheaf of corn and not to have been seen or to have blocked the mechanism on its way through. —HUBERT WILLIAMS, 3, Downfield-road, Clifton, Bristol.

### WHAT IS DIGGING UP THE CROCUSES?

SIR,—Under the old trees surrounding a large lawn here there are a great quantity of crocuses. During the last few weeks some creature has started to dig these up, the ground where they are thickest being pitted with little round holes like miniature craters. My gardener thinks that the damage is being done by green woodpeckers, but I am inclined to put it down to grey squirrels. Both of these frequent the garden, but neither has actually been seen to dig the holes.

To my knowledge the crocuses have been undisturbed for over twenty years, and I cannot understand why suddenly at this season of the year, when there is nothing to show where the bulbs are, they should be attacked in this way. I should be grateful for your opinion as to whether green woodpeckers are ever known to attack bulbs like this, and alternatively whether grey squirrels are likely



OATS BEING CUT AND TIED BY HAND IN CONNEMARA

See letter: Farming Methods in Ireland

to do so. I may add that we never suffer from the bulbs being attacked by mice —OSWALD LEWIS, Beechwood, Hampstead-lane, Highgate, N.6.

The green woodpecker is so largely insectivorous that it is unlikely to be the culprit. Possibly the grey squirrel is to blame, but we have never heard of a proved case. The meadow vole is most likely responsible, as it is very fond of crocus bulbs. Another possibility is that the holes were dug by hedgehogs in search of grubs, but, of course, they would not be interested in the bulbs themselves. —ED.]

### FARMING METHODS IN IRELAND

SIR,—I have recently spent a holiday in Connemara and have never seen a piece of machinery in the fields. The sight in the photograph enclosed was common. Corn—oats as a rule—was cut by scythe or sickle, tied with straw bands made as the workers went along, then stooked with some of the heads up and some down. The soil is generally so thin that in one place harrowing was being done by a donkey pulling a branch of gorse up and down the small field. —NELLIE CUFFLIN (Miss), Birchwood, Ratby, Leicester.

### ESCAPED GEESE?

SIR,—Since about the beginning of July there have been, on a loch I know,

two bar-headed geese. They are quite tame, and if they are grazing it is possible to approach to within a few yards of them. One is very lame, but it can swim and fly. I have seen them on the water, on the land and on the wing. Presumably they have escaped from some private collection. Peter Scott tells me that they have not come from the grounds of the Wildfowl Trust in Gloucestershire. It would be interesting to learn their origin. —ANGUS COLLIER (Maj-Gen.), Glassburn, By Beady, Inverness-shire.

### EARLY AMERICAN PAINTING

SIR,—Apropos of the recent reference in *Collectors' Questions* to John Smibert, who, you say, "was the first portrait painter who went from Europe to America," it may be of interest to your readers to know of an English painter who went to America as early as 1635.

The artist that I am referring to is one Augustine (or Awstin) Clement, of Reading, Berkshire. Clement was apprenticed to Jonathan Miller, another Reading painter, in 1617 for twelve years, but remained only eight. Miller is known to have been a herald and decorative painter of the early 17th century. Clement, however, completed his training under the Eton painter Edward Newman, who was himself a member of a

Windsor family of painters to which James and John Newman also belong. These three are recorded in the records of the London Painter-Stainers Company (Guildhall MS. 5669). This artistic atmosphere must have set the young Clement off to a good career.

Among the papers collected in *Diary of the Corporation of Reading*, by J. M. Guilding, Clement is referred to as a painter when, with others of his profession, he made a complaint to the local council about the entry into Reading in 1634 of a Mr. James Senyor, who by practising drawing and painting was hurting the trade of the other painters of the town. After this objection Senyor was ordered to leave.

There appears also in the *Diary* an important entry about Clement later in 1634, when he with his servant Thomas Wheeler took the Oath of Supremacy and Allegiance with intent to go to New England. There are no documents about either of these men after 1634, and as their deaths are nowhere to be found in the registers of the parish churches of Reading, evidently Clement did go to America.

I have not uncovered any documentary proof to say whether Clement was a portraitist or not, but with the evidence of the complaint against James Senyor, and the fact that there would not be much heraldic work to



A FASCIATED MEADOW BUTTERCUP

See letter: Fasciation in Plants

do in America at this time, it is almost certain that it was under the profession of a limner that Clement entered New England. If servant means apprentice, as it did in so many early records, then the name of Thomas Wheeler also may stand out with that of Augustine Clement among the earliest pioneers of painting in America.—SIDNEY M. GOLD, 42, Shaftesbury-road, Reading, Berkshire.

### THE OYSTER SEASON

SIR,—With reference to Miss Malden's letter (August 11) the reason why the impression has arisen that oysters can be eaten only when there is an R in the month is that oysters spawn in April or May, are said to be sick until the end of July, and are in prime condition by September. By the Fisheries (Oysters, Crabs and Lobsters) Act, a close time for the dredging and sale of deep sea oysters is fixed from June 15 to August 4. The Whitstable Oyster Fishery Company voluntarily extends the close time for Whitstable natives until September 1. But the rule does not affect foreign oysters, often temporarily deposited for storage on English beds, and these can be obtained all the year round.



STONE AT CALDER ABBEY, CUMBERLAND, POSSIBLY USED FOR PRESSING CHEESES

See letter: For Pressing Cheeses?

Oyster grottoes erected by children were common in Whitstable at the beginning of the century, and generally appeared on August 1.  
—A. C. HAMPSHIRE, 6, Southbourne-gardens, Eastcote, Middlesex.

### FASCIATION IN PLANTS

SIR,—The letter from Mr. Arnold Jowett about a fasciated lupin flower-head (August 18) prompts me to send you a photograph that I took recently of a similar example of fasciation occurring in the meadow buttercup. It shows the typical strap-like stem mentioned in your editorial note. I have seen the creeping thistle exhibiting the same peculiarity, and on one occasion found half a dozen heads in one place, each with strap-like stems three inches wide and covered with stalkless flowers.  
—ALEXANDER PUCK, 28, De Freville-avenue, Cambridge.

### FOR PRESSING CHEESES?

SIR,—Adjoining the gatehouse of Calder Abbey, in Cumberland, there is a stone which is reputed to be a relic of the domestic life of the Cistercian builders of the abbey. The stone is of red sandstone and is worn smooth by use and the passage of time. It is about 27 inches square and 6 to 8 inches thick. As is shown in the enclosed photograph, there is on the upper face of the stone a groove about an inch wide and 1½ inches deep in the form of a very accurate circle beautifully and cleanly incised. The periphery of the circle is broken by a channel, or small conduit, which connects with the edge of the stone and was obviously for drainage.

It was suggested that this stone had been used in the manufacture of cheese. The newly wrapped cheese was placed on the stone within the circle and, when weights were placed on the cheese to press it, the moisture drained into the encircling groove and was led away by the conduit into the ground.

It would, perhaps, be of interest to learn if this is correct; if so, are there any such stones in use nowadays or known to have been used within living memory?—J. T. WILKINSON, 49, Farfield-terrace, Heaton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

### A CURE FOR WASP STINGS

SIR,—I was grieved to learn from *A Countryman's Notes* in your issue of August 18 that Mr. Ian Niall suffers annually from the dread of suffocation from the sting of a wasp in his tongue or throat. Is it possible that he has never heard of the efficacy of the common or garden onion?

If an onion is cut in halves and one of the sliced surfaces applied to the place stung by a hornet or wasp, the pain of the sting is not only relieved but disappears altogether and immediately. The onion should be kept applied to the spot until all the poison has been eliminated. This can be discovered by removing the onion occasionally to see if the pain returns or not.

Though an onion is usually easily procurable in town or country, during the wasp season I always have one handy in the pocket of my car.

Sucking an onion as a cure for suffocation may not be pleasant to the patient or to his anxious friends round about him, but it is preferable to a blue bag and far more efficient.

—M. H. A. CAMPBELL (Lt.-Col.), Wayside Cottage, Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey.

### HIPPOTOMY ASPERSED

SIR,—Opponents of modern art occasionally cast gibes against fish with eyes in their tails, and I fear I may now be betraying a similar low level of vision and appreciation. But the decorations on the two gate-piers shown in the accompanying photograph did provoke the thought: Is there no Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Heraldic Animals?

Presumably there is a set of conventions; amputations grown common lose their power to shock—and we all accept lions' masks and the heads of stags and various other animals. But a third part or a half of an animal seems to be another matter. Perhaps some student of such things can explain the whys and wherefores of hippotomy and even say whether this amount of horse is in fact quite a common ornament.—J. D. U. WARD, Rodhuish, Watchet, Somerset.

### GRENOBLE WALNUT

SIR,—May I join in the correspondence between Mr. Russell Latham and Mr. R. W. Symonds about walnut? I suggest that the reasons why the cabinet-makers of the Charles II period used French walnut were based on familiar practice and a matter of economics.

Some of the cabinet-makers who brought the practice of veneering to England were refugees from France; they probably maintained contacts with their native land and must have found the carefully cultivated French forest-planted walnut trees much more economical to use than the haphazardly planted English park or garden specimens. It is absurd to pretend that it is possible to distinguish between the figure of English and French walnuts; nor is it correct that French walnut trees yield better figure than English ones. A record price was realised for veneers from an English walnut log which, some years ago, was exported to America; Alexander Howard said of it: "The figure, quality and colour, certainly equalled, if it did not surpass, anything which has been found elsewhere in Europe." In all countries where *Juglans regia* flourishes

the percentage of highly figured wood to plain is small, but undoubtedly growth and texture are affected by soil, situation, rainfall and silviculture, and it is accepted that figure is likely to improve with age; I have met a number of men, who are experts in the purchase of standing trees, who claim that they can tell, with some degree of accuracy, whether a tree will produce mostly figured or plain wood, but they all admit that, even for the expert, there is considerable speculation about it. I think, however, that it is also agreed that John Evelyn is correct and that walnut trees grown above chalky subsoil do specially well, and they are said to be more likely to yield the darkly veined wood.

With regard to Grenoble walnut, Mr. Symonds's suggestion that there may have been a forest of ancient and highly figured walnut trees near Grenoble in the late 17th or early 18th century sounds logical; it could, however, have been at a considerably earlier period than this, because the French used walnut much earlier and more commonly for furniture and panelling than was the case in England, and once a tradition arises that a



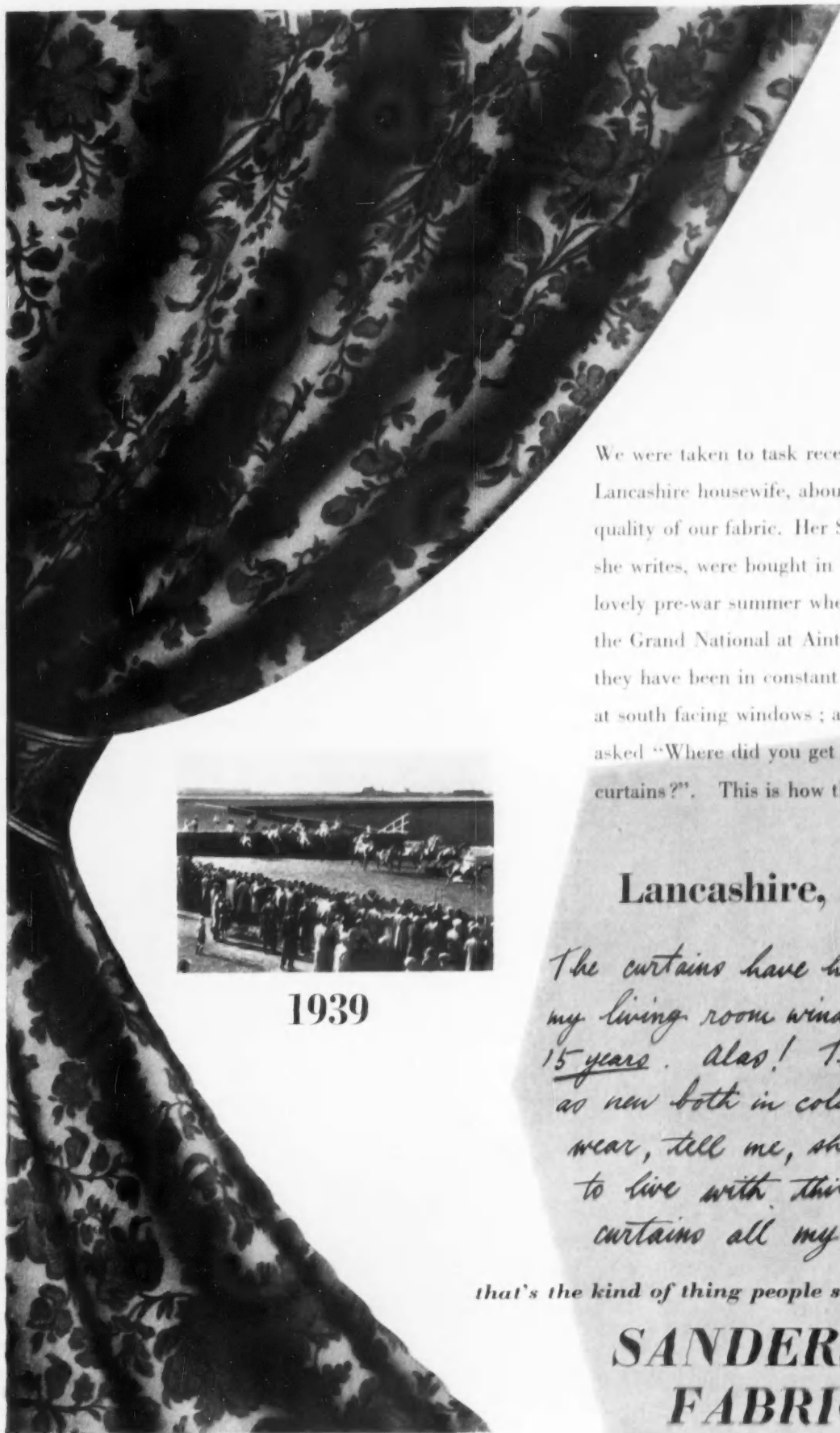
DEMI-HORSES DECORATING TWO GATE-PIERS

See letter: Hippotomy Aspersed

particular figuring of wood comes from a certain district the name becomes attached to that type of figuring even though it subsequently comes from entirely different parts.

Moreover, although this cannot apply to Grenoble, the name of port of export is often given to timber coming from widespread areas. Some 35 years ago my company used to receive architects' specifications for executing work in Ancona walnut, which had a particularly beautiful marking, greatly in fashion at that time. In my youth and innocence I thought that Ancona walnut grew at Ancona. When I began to travel about Europe a little later I found that Ancona was an arid port on the Adriatic from which walnut of the particular type of figure ordered had formerly been exported, but within living memory it had not been cut in the vicinity.

Later, when I came to visit the cutting mills in France and Germany to buy veneers, I used to see logs being cut and selected as French or Italian, entirely according to figure and colour and not with regard to where the trees had grown. In fact, the so-called Ancona walnut veneers and boards were produced from French, Italian, Spanish, Circassian or any other sources which showed a



We were taken to task recently by a Lancashire housewife, about the indestructible quality of our fabric. Her Sanderson curtains, she writes, were bought in 1939—that last lovely pre-war summer when ‘Workman’ won the Grand National at Aintree. Since then they have been in constant use, always hanging at south facing windows ; and still she is asked “Where did you get your lovely new curtains?”. This is how the letter ends . . .

### Lancashire, April 1954

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THE WEST WALL OF ABBEYDORE CHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE, AND (right) THE INTERIOR OF ASTLEY CHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE

See letter: Stories in Walls

certain type of fine, dark, streaky figure.

To return to the question of economics, Evelyn is most ecstatic about French silviculture and, indeed, his *Sylva* was written expressly to "encourage us in the Culture of Forest Trees the grand defect of this Nation" (England). He goes on to extol the apparently recently formed plantations of Sir Richard Stidolph near Leatherhead, and some further plantings at Carshalton. I think it may be assumed, therefore, that there were no forests of English walnut at the time that Evelyn was writing and, judging by my own experience in converting English walnut, it is an expensive and uneconomic procedure.

Undoubtedly Evelyn would not have pandered to snob value, but he would have written what he was told. He was essentially a man of wide culture, who wrote on so many subjects that he had to rely, to a great extent, on second-hand information, and Mr. Latham may well be right that Grenoble walnut possessed snob value for the cabinet-maker.

With regard to the erudition of *Sylva*, it was a remarkable piece of writing which, as the introduction to the second edition shows, fulfilled the author's object of encouraging silviculture and replacing our exhausted forests with trees, but (and I know I risk some brick-bats here) while Evelyn deplores the lack of knowledge of past writers on trees, we to-day, reading his work, must realise that, although he was himself a learned man and a great planter, he incorporated into *Sylva* much mumbo-jumbo and old wives' tales. He himself admits, in many instances, that he is writing what he has been told, but some of his descriptions of trees grown outside Europe are absurd and show that he had never seen them and, in fact, knew nothing about them. *Sylva* remains a remarkable feat, but it is of much more use to-day as evidence of the customs and beliefs of Evelyn's day than as a treatise on silviculture.—EDWARD H. PINTO, Oxhey Woods House, Northwood, Middlesex.

### FINE FLOWERS OF THE PERSIAN HIGHLANDS

SIR,—I was much interested in the article *Tulips from Many Lands* by Mary Howard McClintock, in your issue of May 5.

While riding with the Qashqai tribe on their annual migration from southern to central Persia, not long ago, I came across what appeared to me to be two species of wild tulip, growing on the high plateau near Mount Dinar, and I enclose photographs of them in the hope that it may be possible to identify them.

The single flowers in my first photograph do not seem to be identifiable with any of the numerous species mentioned in the article you

published, not even with the appropriately named *T. persica*, since the colour of the flower was pure white, and there was only one stem to a plant. But the plant with thin leaves and a number of flowers on the stem, white above and very pale green below, illustrated in the other photograph, may possibly resemble *T. biflora* or *T. turkestanica*, though there was no suggestion, in the flower photographed, of any bronze shade.

The soil in which both species grew was extremely rocky, but surprisingly rich in vegetation, part of which the tribal flocks ate on their way north in spring, while the rest (including a luxuriant harvest of *Coronaria imperialis*), fed them on their way south in the autumn.—VALENTINE LAWFOOD, Cove Neck-road, Oyster Bay, Long Island, U.S.A.

(We sent our correspondent's letter and photographs to Mr. John Gilmour, of the University Botanic Garden at Cambridge, who writes: It is very difficult to identify with certainty any plant from a photograph, and especially difficult in a critical genus like *Tulipa*—all the more so when the plants come from a relatively unexplored area like Persia, where there are no doubt many new species waiting to be discovered. With this general warning, I would guess that the white one with a single flower on each stem is probably a white form of *Tulipa violacea*—somewhere near var. *pallida*. Many colour varieties of this species have been reported, and I feel fairly certain that this is one of them. The other photograph is a real puzzle. It does not fit any tulip that I know, and I feel fairly

confident that it is, in fact, an *Ornithogalum* and not a species of *Tulipa* at all. The very numerous flowers, forming a flattish umbel, and the very narrow leaves point to something near *Ornithogalum umbellatum*.—ED.]

### STORIES IN WALLS

SIR,—Two of the churches to benefit by the recent distribution of funds by the Historic Churches Preservation Trust have walls which indicate their stories remarkably clearly.

The exterior west wall of Abbeydore, Herefordshire, shows how this parish church, considered one of the most important Cistercian foundations still in use in this country, is but a remnant of the abbey church, comprising transepts and presbytery. The photograph shows how the nave walls (either side of the scaffolding) once extended over the modern graveyard. The magnitude of the roof repairs necessary here is suggested by the fact that some of the tie beams are of 28-foot span.

Astley, in Warwickshire, is also a part of a larger collegiate church. It was ruined after the Dissolution, and only the chancel was used, for the nave, in the 1617 rebuilding. The interior east wall, seen in the photograph, shows how the new chancel was extended through the original east end, which still retains the tracery of its window. The scaffolding of chancel and window arches belongs to the church's current history, for Astley is the church which "floats" on a concrete raft above a coalfield.—MARGARET JONES (MRS.), 32, Forest-road, Moseley, Birmingham, 13.

### LETTERS IN BRIEF

**Hay Fever.**—I beg to differ from your correspondent about hay fever (August 18). I can assure him that (in my case) it really is a fever. At one time we had a trained nurse staying here, when I had a specially bad bout; she took my temperature and found it was over 100 deg. A specialist told me that the best and simplest help was petroleum jelly put into each nostril on getting up in the morning. This did not of course stop it, but certainly alleviated it.—GRACE C. W. CLARKE, The Abbey, Cranbrook, Kent.

**Runaway Dogs.**—We have a five-year-old Staffordshire bull-terrier which behaves in exactly the same way as the runaway labrador mentioned in your issue of August 18. Our wanderer, unfortunately, never finds his way home, and we have fetched him back between forty and fifty times in the last six months, in response to kindly telephone calls. Does any of your readers know of any cure, other than permanent chain or pen? That is no life for a dog—but there is not time to spare for a busy housewife to be constantly retrieving.—M. SMITHILLS (MRS.), Old Job's, Narcol-lane, Chalfont St. Peter, Buckinghamshire.

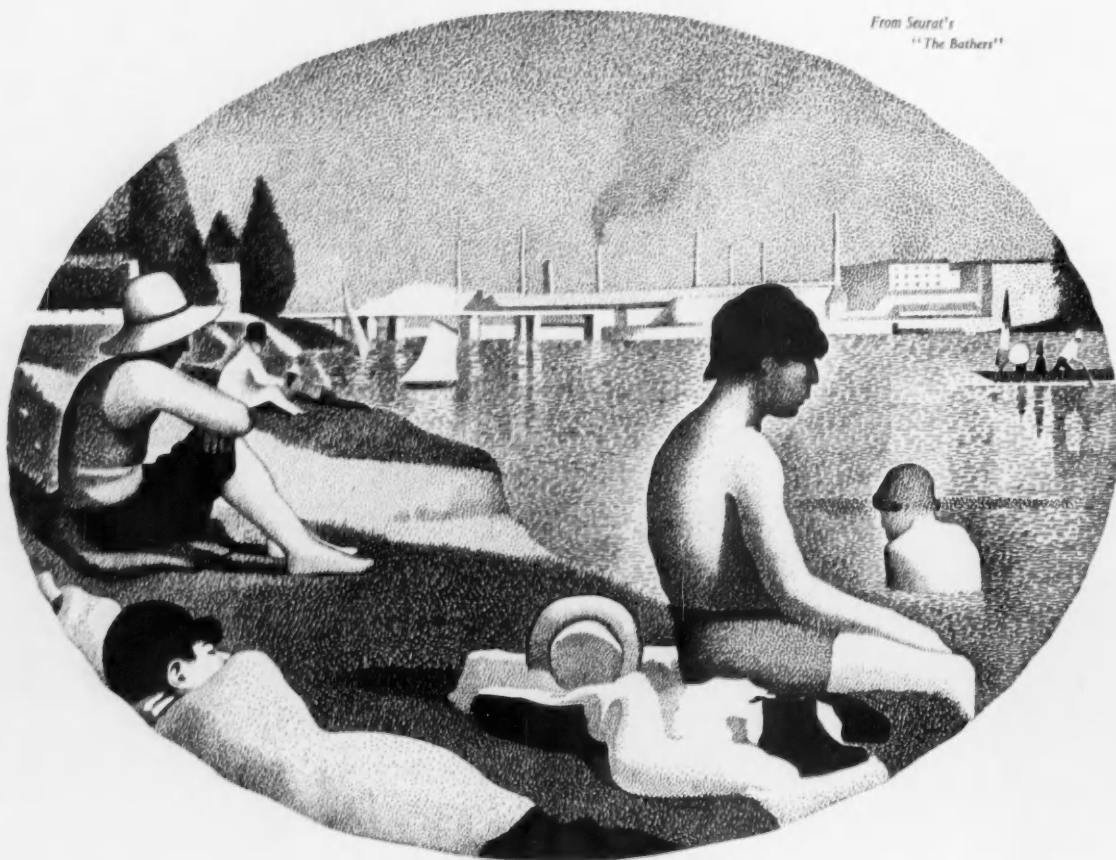
**Remember the Grotto.**—I was much interested in the photograph of a painting of a St. James's Day grotto (July 21). When I was a medical student at Guy's Hospital in 1907, and following years, we always enjoyed the small boys who had their grotto at the foot of the right-hand pillar at the entrance to the hospital. The grotto was a small circle of little stones, and the boys came to us with the request, "Remember our grotto." Sometimes they added "Doctor." We students loved that, and they knew it. An extra penny!—ALLEN COULTER HANCOCK, Clay Point, Flushing, Falmouth, Cornwall.

**Peter Labillière.**—Your correspondent B. S. T. Wallace is misinformed regarding Peter Labillière (August 18). His home was in Dorking, and the posts referred to marked the boundaries of Burford Lodge, the estate of my grandfather, the late Sir Trevor Lawrence, Bt. Probably the most accurate description of Labillière is to be found in J. S. Bright's *History of Dorking*, published in 1884. I have in my possession a small portrait of him—singularly ugly he was—surrounded by his favourite books, which give some clue to his character. I live in the cottage mentioned in Bright's book "at which, on Thursdays, visitors may have refreshments and the use of the cottage gardens." This, I am afraid, no longer obtains!—NAOMI DUCKHAM, Swiss Cottage, Box Hill, Tadworth, Surrey.



A SINGLE-FLOWERED TULIP, POSSIBLY A WHITE FORM OF *TULIPA VIOLACEA*, AND A PLANT THOUGHT TO BE AN *ORNITHOGALUM*, PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE PERSIAN HIGHLANDS

See letter: Fine Flowers of the Persian Highlands



From Seurat's  
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## We want margin to our lives —

THOREAU (1817-1862)

All trade requires a margin; a surplus that can be put to economic use after production costs have been covered by returns. Without it, the movement of goods and services which keeps us alive would stop next week.

A man's life too must show such a margin, if it is to be worth living; something that enriches his material day after his work is done. It may be a study or a sport; a language he is learning, a musical instrument he is practising. On a broader scale, a nation builds its picture-galleries and its playhouses; they are there to help it live beyond to-day's horizon.

To this wider life, of individual, and community, industry brings its contribution — leisure. Without this there can be no true civilisation, no lives that have 'a margin'. Modern industrial advances have extended, and redistributed, the nation's spare time; with the new, factory-made hours that they have brought, the Machine Age can one day transform itself into the Leisure Age.



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## MOTORING NOTES

## NEED FOR REFLECTING SIGNS

By J. EASON GIBSON

ON many occasions I have stressed the urgent necessity of improving the road signs throughout the country, and, in particular, have urged that there should be a much wider use of reflecting signs after dark. I was reminded of this problem the other Saturday at Goodwood, during the Nine Hours Race. This event starts at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and thus compels competitors to drive for at least the last two and a half hours in darkness. Around the circuit the organising club had erected signs made of a reflecting material, warning drivers of their approach to sharp corners, and many of the competing teams—including the one which I was assisting—used signs of the same material with which to control their drivers' tempo.

This material is used extensively in the United States and throughout the Continent, and it is difficult to understand why the

longer be any necessity to drive so as to aim one's lights on to a signpost, perhaps hidden to one side, or to back up to read one which was indecipherable except at the closest range. One has by now become accustomed to reading in official announcements, especially those evading an issue, that "the experts consulted were in principle against the suggestion." On the subject of providing road signs fit for our roads and traffic, I would suggest that a completely new set of experts should be consulted, that is, unless the present ones find it possible to accept the reasoned opinions, backed by a wealth of statistics, of traffic experts, road engineers and motorists throughout the world. It seems reasonable to assume that such a cross section would be likely to know more of the problem than would the majority of permanent civil servants. The holding of comparative tests with road signs of different types, including

crossing he appears to have deserted is operating smoothly, but there has been a blockage elsewhere to which he has given his attention. Even the method of giving hand signals seems to me to have changed slightly. Until recently the signals given by British policemen tended to be rather ponderous and majestic, but I have noticed in the last few weeks that they are now giving signals much more like their opposite numbers in Paris: signals urging one on. It may not be long before one hears policemen using the English equivalent of *agitez* to passing motorists.

## Roadside Telephone Service

Motorists with experience in Switzerland will recall that on all the Alpine passes there are frequent signs informing one of the distance to the next roadside telephone. In Switzerland these telephones are supplied by the Automobile Club, and can be a great boon if one is



EXAMPLES OF THE LIGHT-REFLECTING SIGNS USED AT GOODWOOD DURING THE NINE HOURS RACE. For this photograph only the normal headlights of a car were used. It is easy to appreciate how effective such signs would be on British roads

authorities in Great Britain—who preach so much on safety, but appear to some people to take little effective action—have not yet found it possible to agree with experts almost everywhere else that it can contribute noticeably to road safety, as well as to the convenience of all classes of road users. Some of our road signs are difficult enough to see in broad daylight, as they are placed ridiculously high for the modern car, and at night are well nigh impossible to decipher if one has dipped one's headlights for on-coming traffic. I find it difficult to understand the attitude of officialdom on this and allied subjects. One might be forgiven for thinking that, with the possible exception of the Minister, there are no active motorists in the Ministry; not that one needs to be a motorist to realise instantly that a sign which can be seen after dark must be more effective than one which is, to all intents and purposes, invisible.

In one small section of Virginia in 1952 a public-spirited member of a local organisation supplied reflecting material for the rear bumper of every car in town, free of charge. The result was a reduction of 85 per cent. in rear-end collisions. Readers who drive much after dark will have noticed that an appreciable number of motorists are fitting strips of reflecting material to the rear of their cars. One obvious advantage is that, instead of seeing confusing red lights, particularly if there are dazzling headlights approaching at the same time, one obtains a clear impression of the width of the vehicle in front, and confirmation that it is a car, and not two motor-cycles.

It is easy to imagine how much easier, and therefore safer, motoring on our crowded roads would become if all the warning and directional signs were light-reflecting. There would no

those using light-reflecting material, would surely convince anyone of their efficiency.

## New Police Approach to Traffic Control

During the railway strike the police in both London and other large cities adopted what are best described as almost Parisian methods of dealing with the great build-up of road traffic. They quickly realised that it was essential to keep the traffic moving. What is known as the Central Traffic Squad is now carrying out similar work, and any readers who motor in, or through, London at peak traffic hours will agree that this new approach by the police is proving most effective. The Central Traffic Squad was started with the initial object of speeding up through traffic, but its ideals have been found to tie up so closely with the present Safety First campaign that the work of the sections of the police concerned has become better co-ordinated. In earlier days the attitude of traffic police tended to be merely repressive, and so was unpopular, but their present methods are gaining the approval of a much wider section of the public.

On the route which I almost habitually use in and out of London, at fairly busy hours, members of the mobile squad can be seen at important and busy junctions, even when these are supposedly controlled by traffic lights. Should a sudden variation in the density of the traffic occur, the policeman immediately takes over control, overriding the lights. By this means the traffic is speeded up considerably, and long queues are not formed. The efficiency with which the police are operating the scheme is shown by the way in which the policeman transfers his attention from one crossing to another. Invariably I have found that the

stranded with trouble on a lonely pass. This service is now available to some extent in Scotland, where the Automobile Association have during the last two years doubled the number of their telephones. In the event of mechanical trouble on a lonely road these telephones will be a great assistance, while they can also be helpful to telephone ahead for hotel accommodation. Warning signs are being erected in remote areas, spaced at intervals before the telephone box, so that there will be no risk of overlooking the box itself. The signs themselves are simple pictorial representations of a telephone handpiece, and should be impossible to miss.

## Anti-skid Device

A new device to prevent skidding on ice or hard-packed snow is becoming increasingly popular in France, and its efficiency was proved in certain of last winter's Alpine rallies. It takes the form of high-grade tungsten studs, which are inserted into the tread of the tyre, and penetrate the ice sufficiently to obtain an adequate grip, just as studs on golf shoes prevent slipping. Such a device has the disadvantage that on dry, clear roads it will be valueless, and will in addition cause considerable noise. For motorists in Great Britain, provided that they cover a sufficient annual mileage, the best solution is probably the common Swiss practice of keeping a spare pair of tyres of the type using a proper snow or cross-country tread pattern for use on the rear wheels in winter. There are many of these now available, and should we have another winter like the last they would be a wise investment for motorists who must be out in all sorts of weather.

# OLD ENGLISH TEAPOYS

By G. BERNARD HUGHES

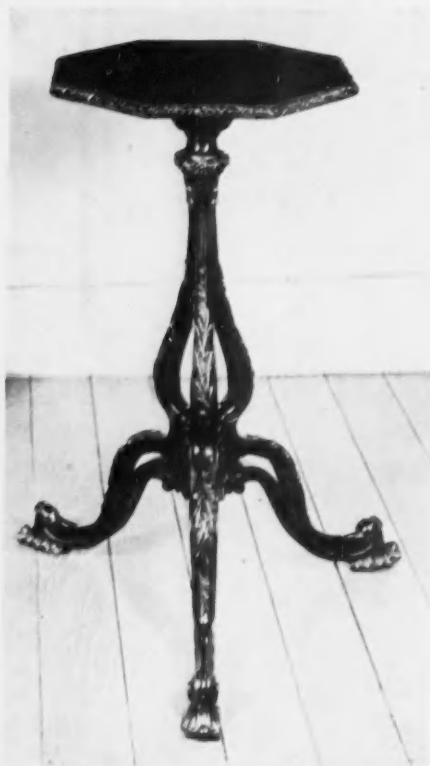
THE Georgian architect commissioned to plan a new country house often included in his design a stone-built temple raised on an eminence or set against a background of magnificent trees and facing lawns or water. These tall-windowed temples, with their doors opening on to stone terraces where musicians could play, were used during the summer months for entertaining guests with light, between-meal repasts, and especially for partaking of tea. Behind the parlour, furnished in rustic style, was a small apartment where refreshments were prepared. On tea-drinking occasions the tea was made and served in the parlour by the tea-blender, usually the most attractive-looking girl among the household staff. The Duchess of Northumberland, in her diary for 1773, refers to an assembly where the tea-blenders were "dressed in Jesuits Uniform of White Lustring with Blue Ribbons, & their heads were all very prettily dressed and exactly the same."

While staying at Goodwood in 1781, Sybil Neville noted that "the Park has some pretty situations, particularly Kearny Seat, a tea-drinking place built on an eminence by the late Duke." Many lesser establishments at that time possessed similar fashionable garden retreats; in towns they might be raised on high stone columns to extend the view.

Each guest was served with tea on a small individual table supported by three splay legs and known as a teapoy, a word defined by the *New Oxford Dictionary* as "a small three-legged table especially for tea; from the Hindu *tin*, three, and the Persian *pae*, foot. The sense and the spelling influenced by tea."

Claw tables of finer craftsmanship were used for tea-drinking occasions in the house itself. These also were known as teapoys to distinguish them from the special tea-table where the hostess herself sat to serve tea on informal occasions. Elizabeth Hamilton, the well-known writer, when staying at Bulstrode with the Duke and Duchess of Portland and Mrs. Delany, wrote in her diary that they "drank tea at seven, the Groom of the Chamber coming to say that it was ready. We each had our little table." Mrs. Delany herself, when visiting Queen Charlotte at Windsor Castle, noticed "the little tables from which we each drank our tea."

The Duchess of Northumberland, after a two-year absence on the Continent, observed a change in the service of seven o'clock tea at St. James's Palace. She wrote in her diary on December 26, 1772, that "formerly the Queen made Tea herself at the Table and the King



MAHOGANY TEAPOY WITH OPEN PILLAR AND CARVED ORNAMENT. (Right) TRIPOD TEAPOY IN MAHOGANY WITH CLUSTER-COLUMN STEM AND PAW FEET

carried it about to the Ladies. Now, two Pages of the Backstairs enter'd each with a waiter carrying a single cup of Tea with Cream Pot and Sugar. One was given to each of their Majesties [on their teapoys] and then the Pages made their appearance again with Tea upon waiters for Lady Holderness and myself."

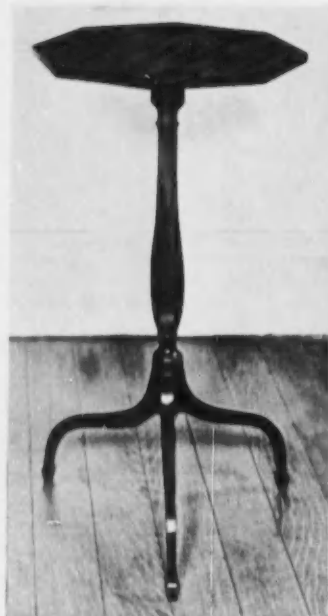
These claw-footed teapoys for the reception of individual cups, saucers and plates measured about thirty inches in height, with the pillars supporting octagonal tops about fifteen inches across. Such tables date from the time of Queen Anne, when they were made in sterling silver with octagonal tops and were used for supporting the silver tea-kettle and its spirit lamp.

Claw teapoys made by the cabinet-makers and turners from fine woods may be traced throughout the reigns of George II and George III in walnut, mahogany and satinwood with pillars and claws following the changing styles of ordinary tripod tables. By the 1780s the pillar had become more daintily slender than formerly, rising from three correspondingly slender feet, and extending the same distance as the table top. The three-leg-pillar joints might be strengthened underneath by a bracket attachment cut from steel or latten plate and screwed into position. Latten was not, as is generally believed, ordinary brass, but a tough-textured plate hammered from the ingot by the battery process. From about the middle of the 18th century the rim of the octagonal top was finished squarely; formerly it had been shaped. Such a teapoy was light in weight, which permitted it to be lifted with one hand.

Despite the royal lead, hostesses in less magnificent circumstances were unable to follow. The hostess continued to make tea at her table, and the host handed the cups; the use of individual teapoys declined. At this time the tea warehouses were crammed with unsaleable stocks, the result of widespread smuggling to avoid tax. The Duchess of Northumberland noted that the East India Company warehouses contained 2,500,000 lb. of tea, "yet all the common Retailers are so fully supplied that there is no Room for any sales that way."

The East India Company, owners of the English tea monopoly until 1834, was compelled by Government action in 1784 to reduce drastically the price of its teas. Although tea remained expensive, improved standards of living increased consumption. Tea canisters were customarily enlarged to ten-ounce capacity—nearly twice as much as formerly—and teapots were also doubled in size. Pairs of silver canisters for black and green tea had long been locked in shagreen-covered chests. The larger canisters now preferred were for the most part made of wood, lined with tinfoil or the harder Oriental tutenag, and might be provided with silver or ivory labels engraved with the names of the teas. A pair of such canisters would be enclosed in a cabinet-made chest, fitting smoothly without any sideways motion into two compartments separated by a circular velvet-lined depression containing a cut-glass sugar-bowl. These chests were veneered with any of the woods then fashionable—mahogany, satinwood, burr walnut, harewood, maple, or rosewood. Expensive examples displayed cleverly quartered panels making the most of beautiful figurings in the wood veneer. Such a chest, with its canisters, became known as a tea-caddy during the early 1790s. Thomas Sheraton, in *The Cabinet Dictionary* (1803), wrote: "the word caddy is now applied to the various kinds of tea chests."

This style of caddy was considerably larger and heavier than the shagreen-covered tea-chest that had formerly been part of the tea equipage and had rested on the carpet near the hostess, as depicted in various conversation pieces such as *The Walpole Family* in the National Gallery, and *The Stowe Family* in the Tate Gallery. The new caddy, therefore, found its place on a teapoy placed near the hostess's



MAHOGANY TEAPOY WITH A HEXAGONAL STEM AND CONVEX TRIPOD. (Right) SATINWOOD WITH SLENDER TURNED PILLAR AND CONVEX TRIPOD



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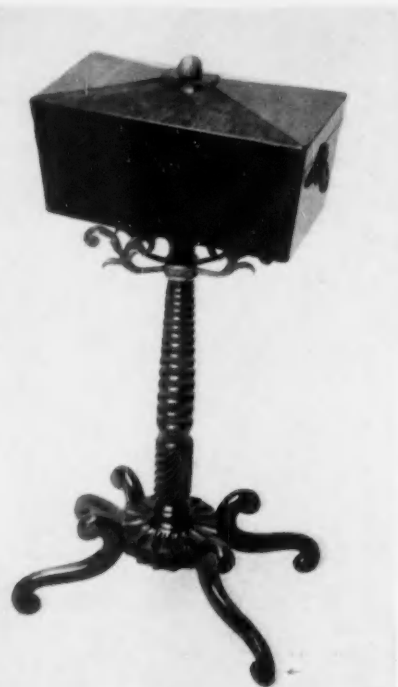
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tea-table, which it matched in mahogany or other wood. Thomas Hope, in *Household Furniture* (1807), illustrated two examples of teapoys and noted that they stood beside the tea-table for the reception of the tea-caddy.

The caddy standing loosely upon the teapoy could easily be accidentally dislodged. After about 1810 it was fixed, instead, directly to the pedestal, and the octagonal table-top was discarded. The article of furniture thus developed retained the name teapoy, a term defined in Simmonds's *Dictionary of Trade* (1850) as "an ornamental pedestal table with lifting top, for holding tea."

Until well into Queen Victoria's reign no fashionable tea equipage was considered complete without such a teapoy. At first the vertical pillar and three claw feet remained legacies from teapoys of the table type. But the slender stem and feet were discovered to be unsuitable supports for the unwieldy caddy. The vertical pillar was then made stronger, turned from the solid wood, and rose from a solid rectangular block from which extended four outspreading concave legs terminating in paw castors. By 1820 designers endeavoured, without much success, to give some teapoys a Rococo appearance in harmony with the times. Typical of these was the teapoy with a turned pillar rising from a decorative plinth, often circular, from which extended four scroll feet, the sides of the upper terminals fitted with large brass rosettes, in harmony with the ornamental brass bracket support extending horizontally from the pillar beneath the caddy.

Until about 1820 teapoy caddies were rectangular, of tapering sarcophagus shape, usually of mahogany, plain or inlaid with buhl or mother-of-pearl, less frequently of rosewood veneer, with heavy brass side rings and lid finial. The caddy became considerably more capacious from about 1820 and was usually about eighteen inches square, containing four rectangular compartments with hinged lids. These were separated, two on each side, by a pair of central openings containing cut-glass bowls, each elaborately worked with a different design in deep relief. The rear bowl contained lumps of sugar nipped from the cone; in the front bowl the hostess blended her teas in the presence of her guests or family. In many instances the four rectangular compartments were fitted with loose tea-boxes sliding in so closely and smoothly that they could be lifted out with the slightest effort. There might be



**MAHOGANY TEAPOY INLAID WITH MOTHER-OF-PEARL.** It is fitted with four boxes for tea and depressions for glass sugar and tea-blending bowls. (Right) **MAHOGANY EXAMPLE WITH TURNED PILLAR, SCROLL FEET AND ORMOLU BRACKET SUPPORT BENEATH THE CADDY**

provision, too, for sugar tongs and one or two caddy ladles, all in silver. Lids were lined with coloured velvet or plush.

The personal blending of teas was customary owing to the risk of adulteration to shop-blended teas by the tea-grocers, of whom there were more than thirty thousand. In addition the china-sellers also stocked full ranges of teas. If preparations known as smouch were added to blended teas they were difficult to detect, but if they were added to straight teas their presence was at once visible. Country people found the preparation of smouch a profitable pin-money occupation during the summer months. Black tea smouch consisted of dried ash leaves; for green tea dried elder buds were

used. The personal selection of unblended tea from the tea-man's chest for home-blending in the teapoy was, therefore, commonplace.

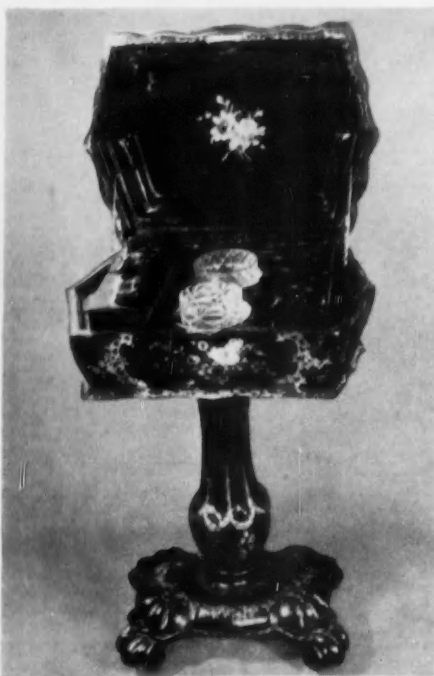
The heavy caddy naturally required the support of a sturdier pillar than formerly; it was octagonal on plan and either in inverted baluster shape or a straight column. Such a pillar rose from the centre of a heavy, expansive cross-shaped plinth, the angles between the arms rounded, their terminals carved into the shape of four massive paw feet with castors beneath. When the caddy was inlaid, the upper surface of the plinth was decorated with matching inlay. The lid opened on a pair of strong brass hinges designed to hold it firmly a little beyond the vertical. The lid interior might be of polished wood; later bevelled mirrors of high-quality plate glass were fitted.

Teapoys of papier mâché had a fashionable vogue for more than half a century. They were highly colourful and had the additional advantage of being much lighter in weight than those of wood, which they eventually superseded. Burrell and Yule, writing in 1886, noted them on display at the London japan-ware shops at that time. The earliest and finest were of paper-ware, consisting of sheets of specially prepared paper pasted one upon another over shaped moulds and then japanned. Less costly teapoys in papier mâché date from the early 1840s, and were constructed by cabinet-makers from shaped units made from rag pulp pressed into thick blocks.

Pillars in both types were plain, round balusters rising from rectangular plinths, with incurved sides and clipped corners mounted on paw or turned feet, with castors. In pulp-made examples the bulge of the baluster is far more pronounced than was formerly the case. Papier mâché teapoys made before the mid-1830s were decorated over coloured grounds; afterwards black japan grounds were almost invariably the rule.

The papier mâché teapoy lid, always a field for attractive ornament, was hinged the full width of the caddy and protected from strain when open by chains or automatic clip devices. The top surface was often decorated with an oil painting—scenic, animal, or flowers and foliage. Others were set with mother-of-pearl tinted with transparent paint.

The name teapoy is sometimes wrongly used to designate the porcelain or pottery vessel termed a tea-jar in such contemporary evidence as the Worcester sale catalogue of 1769 and the catalogue of the Great Exhibition of 1851.



**ROSEWOOD TEAPOY DECORATED WITH MARQUETRY OF VARIOUS WOODS ARRANGED IN GEOMETRICAL PATTERNS.** In the Victoria and Albert Museum. (Right) **TEAPOY OF PULPED PAPIER MACHE JAPANNED BLACK AND PAINTED WITH FLOWER MOTIFS IN COLOUR AND GILDED SCROLLWORK.** Reproduced by gracious permission of H.M. the Queen

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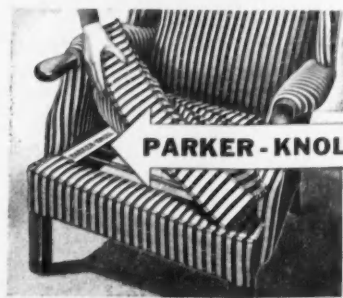
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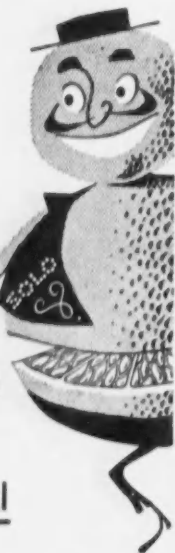
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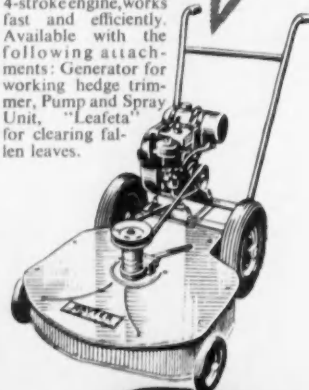


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## A CAUSERIE ON BRIDGE

## THE FOURTH SUIT

By M. HARRISON-GRAY

JANUARY, 1948, was a landmark of sorts, for in that month's *Contract Bridge Journal* there appeared a provocative article on a subject which seems to intrigue many of my readers.

The writer was Norman Squire, a member of the Baron school of scientists, and he advanced the following theory: when three suits have been bid by the partnership, a bid of the fourth suit (even without a jump) is unconditionally forcing for one round; furthermore, it does not necessarily show a biddable suit, or even a stopper for No-Trumps.

Squire was up against formidable opposition. Take a hand which occurred in 1935 and has been quoted *ad nauseam* as a triumph for Acól principles:

West	♠ K 7 2	East	♠ J 10 6 5
	♥ A 8 7 4 3		♥ 9 2
	♦ A Q 6 2		♦ K 7
	♣ 5		♣ A Q 7 6 3

Says Simon, in *Design for Bidding*: "I have gloated over this particular 'top' for ten years. I will gloat about it again here." What happened was that, as West in a match-pointed pairs championship, I had opened with a vulnerable One Heart; East (Simon) bid Two Clubs, West Two Diamonds, and East Two Spades, which was passed out. In the absence of a trump lead, East was able to cash four tricks in the red suits before starting on a cross-ruff which brought in a total of nine tricks; all the other East-West pairs floundered about in Two No-Trumps or some other unmakeable contract.

Simon was riding his pet hobby-horse—an Acól player was free to pass "if he felt like it" over any call that was not unconditionally forcing. And he would never allow that any simple change of suit, apart from the first response, should compel the partner to speak again. The same "triumph" was quoted in each edition of *The Acól System of Contract Bridge*, and Reese showed only a very slight change of heart in *Modern Bidding and the Acól System*, which mentions these sequences:

One Diamond—One Spade; Two Clubs—Two Hearts. "Not forcing, although both players have bid two suits; in this sequence neither player need be strong."

One Heart—Two Clubs; Two Diamonds—Two Spades (Simon's "gloat" sequence). "In a sequence like this, where responder has reversed, opener would pass only if his first bid were under strength. If he wants to make an unconditional force, responder must bid Three Spades." Note that Two Spades is assumed to show a genuine suit.

One Diamond—Two Clubs; Two Hearts—Two Spades. "Opener is sure to bid again, so it would be unrealistic to describe this sequence as other than forcing. This situation is different from the last in that opener, by reversing over Two Clubs, has shown at least a fair hand, so he is bound to have something to say over Two Spades."

Finally, when *The Baron System of Contract Bridge* was published, some months later than the *Contract Bridge Journal* article, the authors disagreed with Squire over one important issue. Although every change of suit was forcing, a bid in the fourth suit was treated as genuine, as in the following example: One Diamond—One Heart; One Spade—Two Clubs; Five Clubs.

Now let us see how Squire pressed home his argument in his article *Bidding the Fourth Suit*.

"Good partnership understanding demands that a limited bid be made as early as possible by one player. His partner then takes charge and immediately decides the final contract, or institutes some asking sequence with that end in view. That is normal. But there comes a time when the limited bid demanded by partner is impossible to find. It is here that the bid of the fourth suit can be invaluable."

Squire's first example brings out this point admirably. South holds:

♠ J 6 4 ♥ A J 8 5 4 ♦ K 8 ♣ Q J 7

Over North's opening One Diamond he bids One Heart; North then bids Two Clubs. So far neither partner has given real indication

of his strength—North could have a dead minimum or a hand just short of a forcing rebid (Three Clubs), while South might have anything from a borderline pass to a near forcing take-out (Two Hearts). In such cases the critical point is the responder's first rebid; if unable to gauge the final contract, he must make some bid that will help the opener to do so. South, in other words, has to limit his hand—and there is no normal or "natural" call available to meet the bill. For instance:

Two No-Trumps. South has the shape and the point count, but no guard in the unbid suit. Two Hearts. The same bid would be made on a hand like this:

♠ 8 6 4 ♥ Q J 9 8 5 4 ♦ 8 2 ♣ K 7

Three Hearts. Suggests better Hearts and distribution, with less strength on the side.

Three Clubs. A secondary suit should not be raised with fewer than four trumps and North will picture a hand of this type:

♠ 6 4 ♥ A J 8 5 4 ♦ 10 8 ♣ Q 7 4 3

Three Diamonds. Jump preference on two trumps only is highly misleading, though occasionally justified when the suit is a major.

As Squire says, "Either South must guess blindly or he must bid the fourth suit. I contend that the only Bridge bid is Two Spades. South thus creates his forcing situation without having limited his hand."

It is now up to North to make the limited bid. He has the following data: (a) South has game ambitions; his bid of Two Spades is a reverse, for it rules out a suit contract below the level of Three; unless his distribution is very good, he should have at least 11 points. (b) If South held anything in Spades, he would have bid No-Trumps; he cannot hope to find a 4-4 fit after North's failure to bid one Spade over one Heart; it follows that North can hardly bid No-Trumps unless he has a guard in Spades. (c) South has at least five Hearts; it is a *sine qua non* that a player who bids the fourth suit invites a return to his first suit if his partner has no sound alternative.

Here are some hands that North might hold, with his indicated action in each case over South's bid of Two Spades.

♠ 10 2 ♥ K ♦ A Q 9 7 3 ♣ A 10 9 4 3  
Three Clubs. Shows the two five-card minors and a moderate hand.

♠ K 7 ♥ 6 ♦ J 10 7 6 5 3 ♣ A K 9 3  
Three Diamonds. No-Trumps are out, in spite of the Spade stopper.

♠ 9 7 ♥ 10 9 3 ♦ A J 10 7 ♣ A K 6 3  
Three Hearts. Simple preference. Holding, say, a singleton Spade, or the Queen of Hearts instead of the Ten, he should bid Four Hearts.

♠ A 10 8 ♥ 9 ♦ A 9 5 4 2 ♣ K 10 6 2  
Two No-Trumps. Twelve points only (counting Tens), but the Spade holding saves the issue. With 15 points or better, the bid is Three No-Trumps.

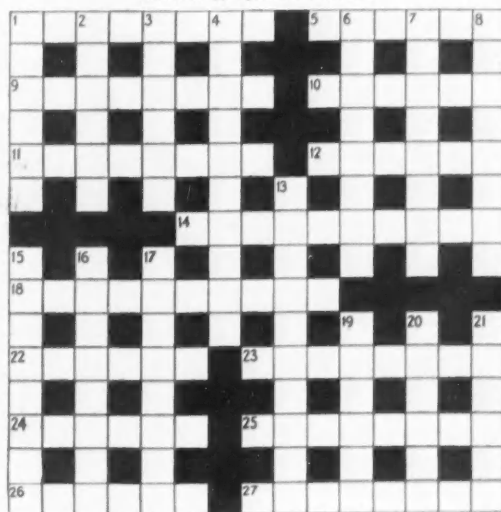
♠ 9 7 3 ♥ 10 2 ♦ A Q J 2 ♣ A K 10 9  
Two No-Trumps. Choice of evils—the one case where North is fixed. But the adverse Spades may split four-three, or the suit may get blocked; No-Trumps could well be the best spot.

This sounds like heady stuff, and it may take another article or two, with further example hands, to convince you that there is really nothing artificial or conventional in playing the fourth suit this way. And now the cat can be let out of the bag. Ever since the war, the true-blue Acól school (including the late S. J. Simon!) have held the same view as Norman Squire, and for a reason that is in the very best Acól tradition—the overriding question of frequency of occurrence. I shall have more to say on the subject next week.

As for Simon's "triumph" hand (see the first example), the reason for his rejecting the more normal rebid of Two No-Trumps can now be divulged. It was not a case of divining that a four-three fit in Spades would provide the optimum contract; it was simply an attempt to coax his partner into bidding No-Trumps. It was against Simon's principles to play the hand if he could possibly get out of it.

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ACROSS.—3, Magic; 8, Morose; 9, Oliver; 10, Second-hand; 11, Cane; 12, Straddle; 14, Novels; 16, Born in the purple; 18, Enigma; 20, Backdoor; 23, Writ; 24, Hot-blooded; 26, Honour; 27, Instep; 28, Danae. DOWN.—1, Potent; 2, Solo; 3, Mended; 4, Great Exhibition; 5, Cold snap; 6, Discovered; 7, Fennel; 12, Sabre; 13, Abnegation; 15, Steer; 17, Neatherd; 19, Narrow; 21, Collie; 22, Opened; 25, Ouse.

## ACROSS

1. In this is there pleasure as well as punctuality? (4, 4)
5. Precisely in this sense (6)
9. The orderly might be expected to show it (8)
10. It should not cause complications in medicine (6)
11. Spanish port turned sour, though strong (8)
12. "And evening full of the —'s wings" —W. H. Yeats (6)
14. Blown, perhaps, but not inanimate (10)
18. No roundabout transaction (6, 4)
22. Some bullying cannot be prevented in this (6)
23. "He was perfumed like a —" —Shakespeare (8)
24. The club for a racing motorist (6)
25. Quality needed to make do with one and fifty in the city (8)
26. Not bad for a good bowler (6)
27. Regarded the other way meets in a river (8)

## DOWN

1. A city to avenge (6)
2. William's favourite fruit? (6)
3. Net taken up on a Yorkshire river by holding (6)
4. A mere squad (anagr.) (10)
6. "Lo the moon's self . . ." —"Drifted over Fiesole by —" —Browning (8)
7. What the ball might say as it did this on the table tennis board (8)
8. Tea rites might produce one (8)
13. It may be to meddle with a scout with mail (10)
15. Flower of old shape (8)
16. It comes in the middle of the Grand Canal but not in Venice (8)
17. No mock trial this (4, 4)
19. Make free with the water (6)
20. "— of purpose! Give me the daggers!" —Shakespeare (6)
21. Ragged on the side (6)

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## DILATORY CORRESPONDENCE

ONE of the Acts the administration of which is left largely to local authorities is the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and, in spite of the fact that a pamphlet, *Grants for Improvements and Conversions*, was issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the Central Office of Information laying down clearly the type of work that rated as an improvement from the point of view of obtaining a grant and stressing that no means test was to be observed, there have been complaints that a number of councils have ignored the directive and that in some cases their decisions have been influenced by political and class considerations. Certainly there have been occasions when they have been dilatory in correspondence and disinclined to give reasons for their actions.

## A TYPICAL COMPLAINT

TYPICAL of the complaints that one hears about the treatment meted out by some authorities to those who have applied for a grant under last year's Housing Repairs and Rents Act is that of an Essex reader whose architect discussed some proposed work with the surveyor to the local council and an architect appointed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The meeting took place on November 5 of last year, when broad agreement was reached on the items of work that would rank for grant, these being confirmed in a letter from the Council's surveyor to the Ministry's architect, dated November 8. Formal application for the grant was filed on December 16, after which nothing more was heard until a letter, dated April 27, arrived from the Council stating that they could not approve a grant, the reason given, in a letter dated May 11, 1955, after application by the owner, being that they were unwilling to give approval in respect of a mansion.

The owner, having studied the pamphlet relating to grants and noted that it mentioned favourably older houses too big for a single family to manage comfortably, and that it stated specifically that any house that needed modernising was eligible for grant, wrote to the Ministry, and in due course was informed that enquiries had been made, and that the question had been considered whether if for any reason demolition of the property were necessary, replacement of accommodation by the Council would be called for. "They do not consider this likely in your case," wrote the Ministry, adding that a local authority's powers to make grants were permissive and that the Minister's rôle was, in consequence, limited to giving advice and encouragement.

## WITHIN THEIR RIGHTS

ALTHOUGH, as the Ministry pointed out, the Council were legally speaking within their rights in acting as they did, it is, perhaps, scarcely surprising that the reader should be unsatisfied with the reason given for his application being turned down, especially as he had learnt privately

that in the Council's discussions the view had been expressed that he could be assumed to have the means to carry out the proposed work and would probably do so whether or not the grant were made, so that there was no occasion to burden the ratepayers.

"It seems to me," he writes, "that the basic defect of the Acts is that they leave to local authorities the final decision on a matter which should be dealt with on a national basis, resulting in an uneven application of their provisions taking the country as a whole."

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## A BATCH OF SALES

SALES are beginning again after the customary lull brought about by holidays, and among the first batch to be reported is that of Cowage, an attested farm of 323 acres at Foxley, near Malmesbury, Wiltshire, which, having been submitted to auction and withdrawn at £19,000, was sold privately immediately afterwards by Messrs. Rawlence and Squarey.

A smaller attested farm that has changed hands as a result of an auction conducted by Messrs. Whittin and Laing and Messrs. Hewitt and Co. is Compton Barton, a property of 72 acres situated three miles from Torquay, Devon, which fetched £9,700, an average of nearly £135 an acre.

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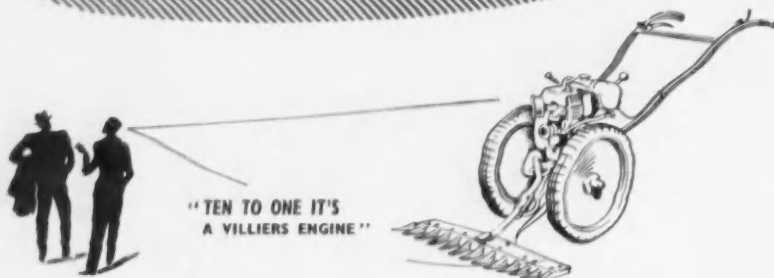
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## FARMING NOTES

## GLUT OF BARLEY FOR PIGS

MORE home-grown barley will be available for feeding pigs after this harvest than for some years past. The barley acreage has increased, mainly because many farmers could not plant any autumn wheat, and barley yields on the whole have been heavy. While the brewers have promised to use home-grown barley for 90 per cent. of their malt, the great bulk of the crop will necessarily go for feeding. The popularity of the Scandinavian sorts, which yield heavily but lack malting quality, shows that many farmers consider that a heavy crop of say 30 cwt. to the acre, sold at the feed price, pays them better than say 22 cwt. and the chance of a sale for malting. Last week feed barley was worth £17 to £18 a ton on the farm, and it was difficult to sell a good sample of Proctor barley for malting at more than £25 a ton. I am told that Plumage and Spratt Archer, the kinds that our fathers grew for malting, are finding a market at a slightly better price.

Merchants who are buying sound, dry feed barley at £18 a ton are ready to take this price as the basis for forward contracts to supply pig meal. They must think that the world barley price is not likely to rise in the next few months, and, although freight rates are higher than they were a year ago, this forecast is probably right, as there are good crops of coarse grains in America, and we have been buying feed barley freely from Canada. A low price for barley will improve the economy of our pig industry. This will certainly be welcomed by the Treasury. The amount of the deficiency payment to home growers of barley may have to be slightly higher than last year because of a lower market price, but this could be more than offset by a saving in the pig subsidy. No deficiency payment is, of course, made on imported barley. Twenty years ago, when farmers mixed their own pig fattening rations, the standard proportions were 65 per cent. barley meal, 25 per cent. middlings, and 10 per cent. fish meal. Now most of us buy rations ready mixed, and the proportion of fish meal is probably less. It is the most expensive ingredient, and an excess can result in a fishy taint in the meat.

## Holland's Pigs

BEFORE the war the Netherlands had a big stake in the bacon export market. Now the exports of pig meat products exceed those of bacon, and the aim is to breed a high-grade porker. Two-thirds of Holland's pig-meat is consumed at home. Dutch farmers have learnt to rely on litter-testing stations for the improvement of their pigs. At these stations litters of four piglets from parents with a good conformation are fattened, so that the slaughter quality, growth and feed consumption can be assessed. The aim is a porker with a muscular back and heavy and well-formed hams giving a high proportion of expensive meat.

## British Wool

WHEN the British Wool Marketing Board holds its fifth annual meeting in London, on September 22, Mr. Ivor R. Morris, the chairman, will deserve congratulations on the success of the Board's efforts to raise the status of the United Kingdom wool clip. In 1954-55 the average price attained for the British clip was 14d. a lb. higher than in the previous season, although world wool prices declined slightly. The 1954 clip amounted to 72,500,000 lb., 5 per cent. more than the 1953 clip and nearly the pre-war level. It has taken a long time to restore sheep numbers. Another

encouraging fact is that during 1954 only four fleeces out of a thousand were tar-marked. There is real hope that tar may be eliminated from the British clip, especially as more satisfactory marking fluids which do not run on wet fleeces are now coming on the market. Too many farmers still use the staining dips which were fashionable to give a bloom to the sheep. The practice dies hard in Scotland.

## American Experience

THERE are places on farms in the United States for 40 young farmers who want to gain working experience there. They must be 20 to 30 years old and unmarried and must be farmers' sons or farm-workers with good practical experience and willing to do day-to-day physical work, often for considerably longer hours than in this country. The trainee will spend the whole of his term from mid-January till mid-December on one farm and be paid 50 dollars a month (about £17) together with free board and lodging. The arrangements are being made by the United Kingdom Sponsoring Authority, 45, Bedford-square, London, W.C.1.

## Farm Leaders Confer

THIS week, in Rome, 200 farm leaders from all over the world are attending the eighth general meeting of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. Among them is Mr. Ezra Taft Benson, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, who is in Europe to see how American farm surpluses can best be shifted. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says that 1955 crop production will match the 1948 record and, taking into account livestock production, the total farm output will be higher than ever. The delegates to the I.F.A.P. conference will be anxious about the effects on their own domestic markets. The Americans know how to stop foreign undercutting in the industrial sphere. Last week we had to protest because a low-priced British tender for electrical equipment for the Chief Joseph dam was rejected in favour of an American firm. The British delegates to the I.F.A.P. conference may well feel that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

## Egg Marketing

NO great enthusiasm has been aroused by the publication of the egg marketing scheme proposals sponsored by the National Farmers' Union. Comparatively few general farmers take their poultry seriously and the specialist poultry keepers do not have much to do with the N.F.U. It was a mistake not to consult the specialist poultry organisations and the members of co-operative egg-packing societies before launching this scheme. There was no lack of time, as this scheme, at least in embryo, has been in the Bedford-square archives for several years. If the N.F.U. branches give the proposals their blessing, which seems likely, the Minister of Agriculture will then present the scheme to Parliament for approval in principle, and then there will be the deciding tussle in a producers' poll. The Government will no doubt advise Parliament that the scheme should be approved, as the Treasury is anxious that a producers' marketing organisation should bear some financial risk and provide an incentive to market British eggs to the best advantage. This is right and proper in the interests of taxpayers, but many poultry farmers are questioning if they will be any better off if they accept permanent restrictions on their freedom to market eggs on their own account.

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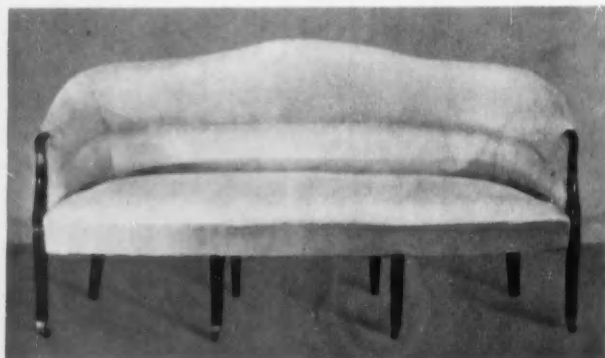
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Reviews by HOWARD SPRING

**H**ILAIRE BELLOC'S *The Cruise of the "Nona"* was first published 30 years ago. Now we have a new edition, with an introduction by Lord Stanley of Alderley, whose father gave *Nona* to Belloc (Constable, 20s.). Alain Gerbault's *In Quest of the Sun* was published four years after Belloc's book, and it, too, has worn well enough to make a new appearance—in Mariner's Library (Rupert Hart-Davis, 9s. 6d.). It is both amusing and enlightening to read these two books one after the other, and to reflect on the diversity of God's

is his best book, so far as I know his books, but it is certainly the most characteristic. If you wish to know the man himself, this is where to find him. Lord Stanley, who knew Belloc well, says: "In this book, which he wrote in a discursive and rare mood of self-revelation, will be found all that was Belloc. Here is the Poet, the Master of Prose, the Controversialist, the Traveller, the Historian, the Philosopher, and the Catholic. . . . Here is Belloc the Satirist, the Epigrammatist, the Lovable Friend, the Boisterous, the Wit, the Remote and

**THE CRUISE OF THE "NONA."** By Hilaire Belloc,  
with an introduction by Lord Stanley of Alderley  
(Constable, 20s.)

**IN QUEST OF THE SUN.** By Alain Gerbault  
(Hart-Davis, 9s. 6d.)

**VILLAGE SCHOOL.** By "Miss Read"  
(Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.)

**GERALD OF WALES.** By A. G. Prys-Jones  
(Harrap, 7s. 6d.)

creatures. Belloc was a man of letters who did a bit of sailing. Gerbault was an intrepid voyager who sailed round the world single-handed in *Firecrest* and wrote a couple of books about it, including this one, which deals with the second half of the journey.

"Lord," Belloc writes of a bit of sea off the South Wales coast, "what a tangle of dangers are here for the wretched mariner! Rocks and eddies and overfalls and shooting tides; currents and (as you shall hear) horrible great mists, fogs, vapours, malignant humours of the deep, mirages, false ground where the anchor will not hold, and foul ground where the anchor holds for ever, spills of wind off the irregular coast and monstrous gales coming out of the main west sea; and, most terrible of all, Wild Goose Race. I will maintain with the Ancients that there are some parts of the sea upon which God has determined that there shall be peril . . ." and so forth.

## WRECKED ON A REEF

Compare this with Alain Gerbault. *Firecrest* ran on to a Pacific reef, with a great wind blowing, heeled right over and began to fill. Gerbault swam ashore, and noticed that the boat was following. In the morning he found that the four tons of her leaden keel had been torn off by the beating on the reef, and, thus lightened, she had swum ashore after him. He tells the whole thing in a few unemotional lines, and says, "I smile philosophically, and tell myself that it might have been worse." The essential difference between the two books is that *The Cruise of the "Nona"* is concerned with what sailing did to Belloc's imagination. *In Quest of the Sun* is concerned with how a man sailed a small ship round the world, and with nothing else.

When you compare the amount of space Belloc devotes to sailing with the amount of space he devotes to other matters you are within reach of understanding something about Belloc. I don't think *The Cruise of the "Nona"*

Sombre, the Christian Champion and the Pagan Mystic, the Learned Classicist as well as the gay Word-Juggler."

## RED WINE AND POETRY

That is fair enough, and here is Belloc in the *Nona*, occasionally doing a bit of sailing as the rest of us do it, but for the most part, "voyaging through strange seas of thought, alone." *Nona* was an old-fashioned cutter, "some thirty foot long, slow but reliable." Lord Stanley gives us some first-hand accounts of Belloc as a sailor. "The near presence of land gave him a feeling of security which was not always shared by his companions, and he was under a persistent delusion that rope was everlasting." He would sit at the tiller "looking the last word in disreputability, in an old blue fisherman's jersey and a cap which appeared to have been discarded by the Scotch engineer of a tramp steamer in 1890. Very probably, he had not shaved for a day or two. In his hand was an enormous enamel mug of red wine, and a cataract of rhyme and poetry . . . would effervesce from him."

The *Nona* was famous for "minor disasters such as parted halyards and fouled anchors." Chuckling at himself, Belloc speaks late in the book of *Nona* as "the chief boat of all the boats in the world, and therefore, like the chief men of this world, in trouble all the time." He detested everything to do with the "classy" side of sailing—yacht clubs, racing, and the rest of it. One can be with him in that, and yet not go all the way. For example, as men had sailed, so must they ever sail, and therefore Belloc would not have an engine in his boat. "But the wind died down altogether, and we drifted aimlessly enough back upon the flood, then down again on the ebb, through the night, and all through the morning and the noon, and on into the afternoon of the second day." This flapping and flopping is of all things the most boring at sea. All very well if

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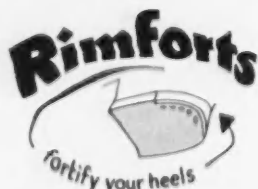


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you can sit down and discourse of Carthage and Catholicism, sea-serpents and Cornwall in the Dark Ages; but a mind like mine, lacking such resource, welcomes the stinking little demon who is kept on a chain for such an emergency. Even Belloc capitulated when a "posh" motor-boat offered him a tow.

Things have changed in the 30 years since Belloc wrote. He writes of the fortunate "deserts" between great towns: "No one knows those deserts as well as the man who sails along the sea, following the coasts of England. The foulness of the great towns is discharged by the trainload upon beaches of sand; but all in between, or nearly all, is left more lonely than ever it was before in our history." Alas! A week ago I was sailing from Falmouth down the coast to the Dodman, and "all in between" was far from lonely. The *ca avans* are now seeing to that. In some of the fields they were townships, but, from farther out to sea, I had the odd impression of their lying upon the green like graveyards. This is something we must expect to increase rather than diminish, but it is surprising how a mile or two of water can mute or abolish even such a discord.

## VILLAGE CHILDREN

*Village School* (Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.) is by "Miss Read," and I take it that the book is mainly autobiographical and that Miss Read has herself experienced the pleasures and pains of being a village schoolmistress. The book has much of the feeling of that lovable classic, *Lark Rise to Candleford*. That dealt with an England which the author saw pass away. *Village School* reminds us that pockets of undiluted rusticity survive here and there. It is true that modern problems intrude. "Linda was undoing her packet of chocolate and Anne was trying to look unconcerned. Anne was always rather hungry, the child of a mother who went by early morning bus to the atomic research works some miles away, and who had little time to leave such niceties as elevenses for her daughter. There was no shortage of money in this home, but definitely a shortage of supervision."

## PITYING EYE FOR TEACHER

But for the most part the children belong to a rural community following its immemorial routine. Electricity has come to the village, but not water or "modern sanitation." It is a church school, with the vicar popping in and out, with 40 children in two classes, and with one assistant for Miss Read. The author has little to say about educational problems, but her views peep through here and there. Miss Clare, who took charge of the younger class, was looked on by visiting inspectors "with a slightly pitying eye." Her methods were "too formal; the children should have more activity, and the classroom is unnaturally quiet for children of that age. This may be, but for all that, or perhaps because of that, Miss Clare is a very valuable teacher, for in the first place the children are happy, they are fond of Miss Clare, and she creates for them an atmosphere of serenity and quiet which means that they can work well and cheerfully, really laying the foundations of elementary knowledge."

From the school the story spreads out into the general life of the village throughout the four seasons of the year—"the hotchpotch of fêtes, sales,

outings, festivals, quarrels and friendships that make the stuff of life in a village." Miss Read has done her job well, with a good eye for the general scene and for the particularities of character. She writes so well that she should have known how to spare herself the expression "palatial palaces."

## WALES IN THE 13th CENTURY

To Harrap's series of biographies written for young people is added *Gerald of Wales*, by A. G. Prys-Jones (7s. 6d.). Geraldus Cambrensis is known chiefly for two books: *Itinerary of Wales*, and *Description of Wales*. I knew nothing of either till I read here what Mr. Prys-Jones has to say, and I regret that so much more space is given to the *Itinerary* than to the *Description*. The *Itinerary* tells how Gerald went round the country with Archbishop Baldwin, beating up volunteers for one of the Crusades. It is full of "miracles," myths and superstitions that so intelligent a man as Gerald must have recorded with his tongue in his cheek, just as he was one of the first to volunteer for the Crusade, which he had no intention of embarking on. I thought it childish and tedious. The *Description* is another matter. It is factual, and, so far as it goes, helps us to understand something of daily life in Wales in the 13th century. But, here, it doesn't go very far; and I hope that Mr. Prys-Jones will find time one day to give it more justice, not restricting himself to a brief "run over" for children.

## A MIXED BAG OF ANTIQUES

WITHIN the limits it sets itself, the second volume of *The Concise Encyclopaedia of Antiques*, edited by L. G. G. Ramsay (The Connoisseur, 42s.) is a sound, attractively produced guide to a variety of subjects of interest to collectors. The contributors are competent, the illustrations well chosen (though not always well arranged), and the glossaries of technical terms and suggestions for further reading of value to the beginner. Only to the beginner, perhaps, for the attempt has been made to cover no fewer than 30 subjects in about 260 pages. Sixteen pages, for example, are devoted to three centuries of French furniture, nine to musical instruments, four and a bit to the vast subject of jade, and two and a half to French glass paperweights. It is fair to say that some of the articles are supplementary to those in the first volume. Nevertheless, the book would have gained in value if it had been less ambitious, and the contents not so oddly assorted. The ten pages on stamps and their forgeries seem out of place in such company, and, although 16 pages are given to Victoriana (mostly printed), the result is so scrappy that it might have been better to omit it altogether. The first volume, which dealt with only 16 subjects in a little more space, was much superior in this respect.

## THE NOBLE DEERHOUND

SINCE no book has been devoted to the deerhound for over 60 years, Miss A. N. Hartley has very wisely taken it upon herself to fill the omission and has done it extremely well in *The Deerhound* (The Bury Free Press, King-street, Bury St. Edmunds, 10s. 6d.). The history of the deerhound is as long as the history of Scotland itself, but the author has contrived to compress all the essentials into this small book and, at the same time, to convey to the reader the essence of the wistful nobility of one of Great Britain's finest breeds which, for some unknown reason, does not enjoy the popularity it deserves.



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The coats that have been shown over so many of the dresses are the logical development of the vogue for the short evening dress. They replace a fur coat



This theatre coat is of bronze velvet, and the scarf collar extends down to the side seams, to which it is attached each side, making double fronts that can be folded right across. It also has a straight front and flares in the back (Ronald Paterson)

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An apple-green Lyons velvet coat having the V neckline filled in with a cravat of pastel mink. It is lined with pink and gold shot taffeta, matching the dress worn underneath (John Cavanagh)

and make a change. In them a woman can go to a smart wedding, on to a cocktail party, and then remove the coat for dinner, theatre, or dancing. The dress underneath is either moulded, décolleté and dark, or full-skirted, with a tightly swathed bodice that continues to the hips, when it is made in a paperweight taffeta often shot in two colours, or in a delicate brocade that glistens with silver or gold. The coats themselves are fashionable in brocade, when they are gorgeous, in velvet, usually black, green, or bronze, and in slipper satin, when they are strawberry pink or gold, topaz or turquoise. They are smartly tailored as a town cloth coat, with deep pockets set low down, and the backward movement is as prevalent here as among the cocktail dresses. Another set of coats are slit either side rather like a mandarin's coat and hang absolutely straight.

The short sheath dress for cocktail time or evening has a low-cut neckline and moulds from the bust to the hemline. The waist is indicated by darts and crossed folds are placed high on the bodice so that they frame the neckline. Many of these dresses have been made from the firmer types of silk, brocades, broche and jacquard satins, and slipper satin, a few in fluid chiffon. The line looks newer this season than the bell-skirted silhouette.

One of the most dramatic cocktail dresses in London is the emerald green chiffon of Michael, really a two-piece of jumper and skirt that has been bought all over the world as being a pointer to the future. It illustrates the slinky silhouette of the 'twenties, with a tight skirt mounted on silk, so that it is opaque, and a loose jumper made from two layers of the chiffon, which is semi-transparent and pouches over the skirt above a narrow welt on the hips. This is a revolutionary dress after the crisp silks with wide skirts that have been in all through the New Look and alphabetical periods of clothes inaugurated by Dior. But chiffon is always the most flattering of fabrics, and the straight limp lines look very chic, though they take a lot of wearing and getting used to.

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Dress and jacket in black Lyons velvet and ermine. The dress is mid-calf length and has a moulded front that creates the effect of a high waist-line. There is a fluid movement in the back, and the line is repeated on the jacket (John Cavanagh)

Paterson are cut like a tailored coat in front with, below the waist, deep patch pockets that give the long body line. At the back gathers or pleats are inserted above the top of these pockets into a shallow basque creating the "stepped" look that he is featuring throughout his collection. He shows one in blonde satin, another in black, and they have sleeves and are real cocktail dresses. For his short evening dresses he chooses delicate shot silks and makes them with wide floating skirts and elaborately swathed tops. Similar styles are shown in pale brocade and in lamé woven with the untarnishable gold thread.

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Long evening dresses feature the backward peacocking movement and tend to fall straight in front, bodices being elaborately



(Right) A cherry velvet cocktail three-piece comprising a slender skirt, a jumper top embroidered with scrolls of cherry braid and cut with curving seams, and a short velvet jacket lined with musquash (Michael)

(Below) Black satin cocktail dress that is a blend of Acrilan and silk. The long torso line in front is stepped up at the back to a short basque, and there is a square lowish neckline at the back (Ronald Paterson)



high-waisted effect created by the bodices of the winter dresses, with their moulded midriffs and folds high up. Shoulder straps are wide apart, so that they do not show under either the wide, open V necklines or the low-cut curving ones that have been shown. A seam down the centre of these straps prevents them from twisting.

For the outside women, there is a special range of light belts and bras that incorporate the latest theories in cut, the raised waist effect with uplift bras. The absolute minimum of boning is used, the controlling being accomplished by cut and elaborate seaming of sections and the use of resilient stretch down satin.

Additions to the nylon stocking collection continue to pour in. Taylor Wood's latest contribution is a combination of 75 gauge and 15 denier. The closeness of the 75-gauge knit renders it less vulnerable to a snag and the 15 denier is a fraction thicker than the sheerer 12 of their earlier issue. "Stretch" stockings are going to be available almost immediately in all the various grades. Ballito knit them in both 15 and 30 denier, in a faint mesh that has the effect of a slight ripple when the stockings are on. Both weights have their narrow straight heel.

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draped and swathed. Plain taffeta and duchesse satin are favoured fabrics, and colours include gold, mushroom pink, the Madonna blues of the Italian painters, and strawberry and raspberry pinks.

The silks that make many of the long evening dresses possess a quality and texture that give a floating movement to the skirts. They are neither so solid nor so stiff as the slipper satins and heavy corded silks that have been in fashion, though they are not transparent or diaphanous or any of the adjectives that one applies to organza or chiffon. Chiffon makes its appearance for a lovely trio at Victor Stiebel in tones of grey and mushroom. The wide skirts float in melting folds from swathed waistlines to the floor, while bodices are swathed in deep folded bands. Accompanying the dresses are matching waist-length cashmere cardigans as light as chiffon and used as a lining to a second cardigan made from the same chiffon as the dress. These make a complete contrast to the picture dresses and take their place in the vanguard of fashion with Michael's grass-green chiffon.

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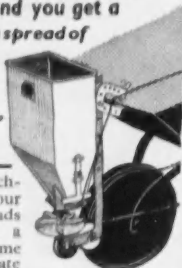
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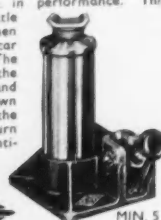
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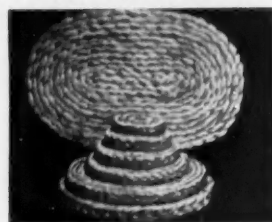
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